CYPRUS GRAND PRIX 2025

GM Muzychuk Wins!

Chess Notes 2025

1 **D20**
□ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2548**
■ **Dzagnidze,Nana** **2513**
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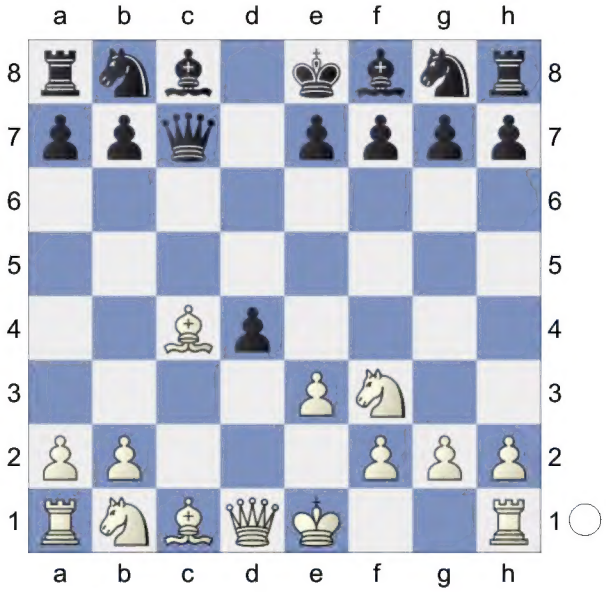
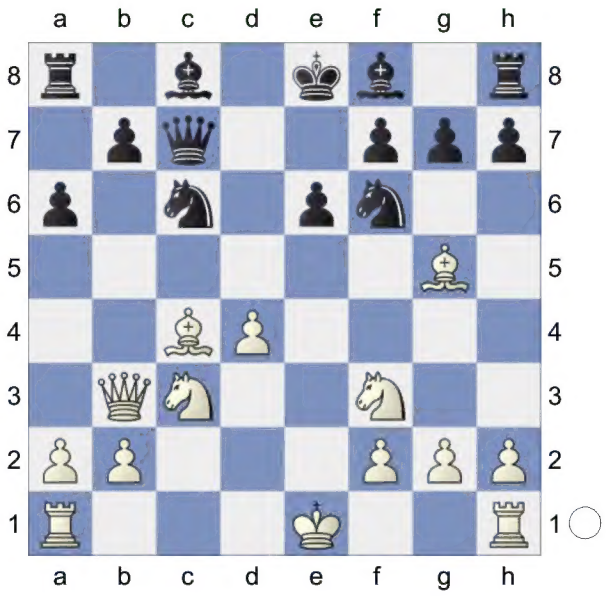
[Kitty Kat]

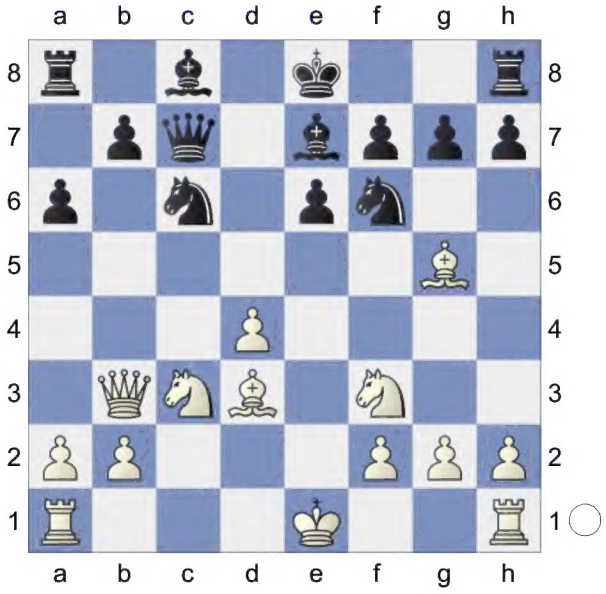
D21: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 sidelines **1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e3 c5 4.Bxc4 cxd4 5.Nf3 Qc7**



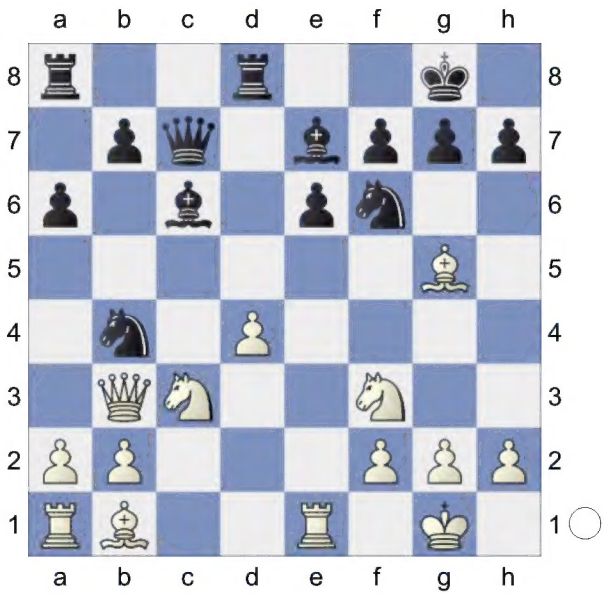
6.Qb3 e6 7.exd4 Nf6 8.Nc3 a6
[8...Nc6 9.0-0 Bd7 *(9...a6 10.Bd3 Be7 11.Be3 0-0* 4.Be2/Bd3/Bc4 (Light-squared -4.Be2 g4/e5 & h4 Play the Power Pirc 2023*)* 10.Be2 Be7 11.Bg5 0-0 12.Rac1 Qb6 13.Qxb6 axb6 14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.a3 Be8 16.Be3 Nd5 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Bf4 Bd6 19.Bxd6 Rxd6 20.Rc3 f6 21.Kf1 Kf8 22.Rb3 Na5 23.Rc3 Cvitan,O (2570)-Shirov,A (2704) Bosna i Hercegovina 84/460 2002 CI1-130 [Shirov,Alexei] 0-1 (63)]
9.Bg5 Nc6N
[9...Be7 10.d5 exd5 11.Bxd5 0-0 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Rfe1 Bf5 14.Rac1 Na5 15.Qa4 Nc6 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Nd4 Ng4 18.Nxf5 Qxh2+ 19.Kf1 Bxg5 20.Qxg4 Qh1+ 21.Ke2 Rae8+ 22.Kf3 Rxe1 23.Qxg5 g6 24.Qh6 Baburin,A (2545)-Ryan,J (2265) Kilkenny op. L.Baburin p.19 1996 10000 Comentadas [Baburin, Alexander] 1-0]



...Na5 is the strong threat. **10.Bd3 Be7**



11.0-0 0-0 12.Rfe1 Rd8 13.Be3 -0.23/19
[⮌13.Rac1 0.09/20]
13...Nb4 14.Bb1 Bd7 15.Bg5 Bc6!
(Diagram)

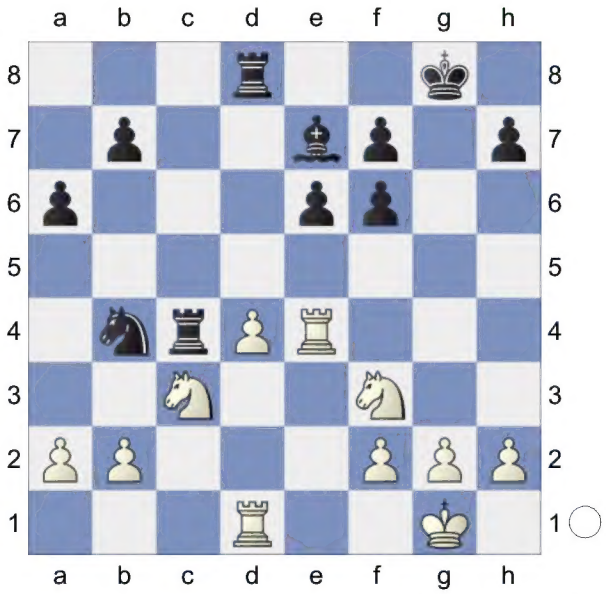


Hoping for ...Bxf3. **16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Be4 Rac8 18.Rad1 Bxe4 19.Rxe4 Qc4** Prevents d5. **20.Qxc4** -0.53/22

[20.d5!= -0.20/21 Qxb3 21.axb3]

20...Rxc4∓

[20...f5 is more complex. 21.Qe2 fxe4 22.Qxe4 Nd5]



21.g4 Nd5 22.Nxd5 Rxd5 23.Re2 f5 -0.58/20

[23...Bb4∓ -0.92/20]

24.gxf5 Rxf5 25.Ne5 Rc8

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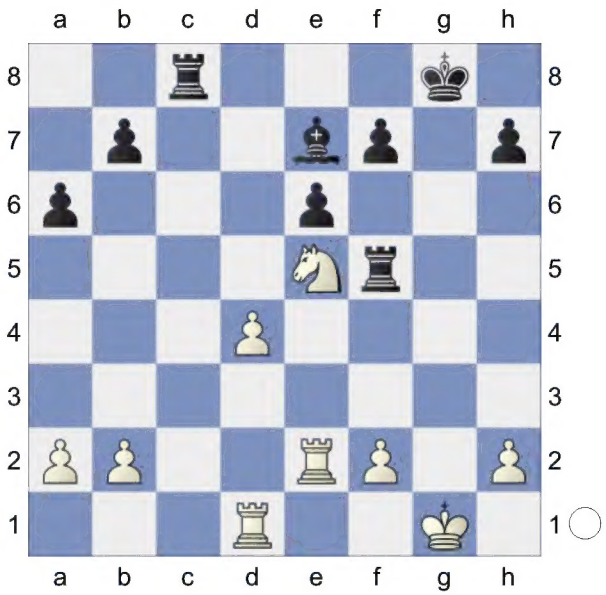
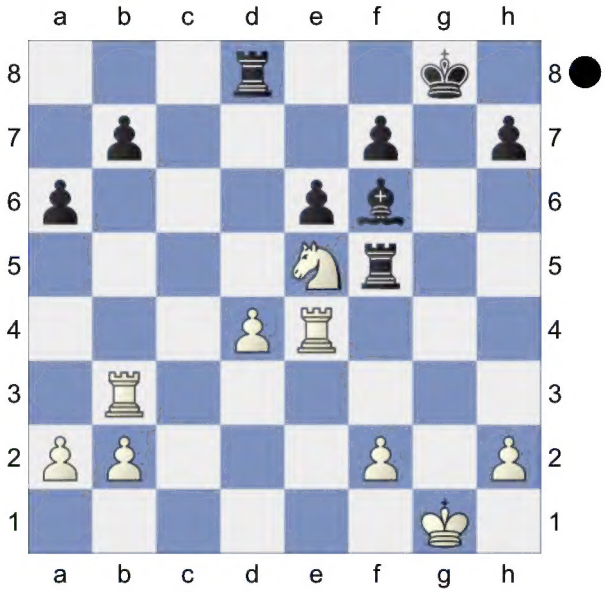


26.Rd3 Rd8 27.Re4 Bf6 28.Rb3



Bxe5 -0.30/23

[28...b5!∓ -0.71/19]

29.Rxe5∓ Endgame KRR-KRR **29...Rf4 30.d5 exd5**

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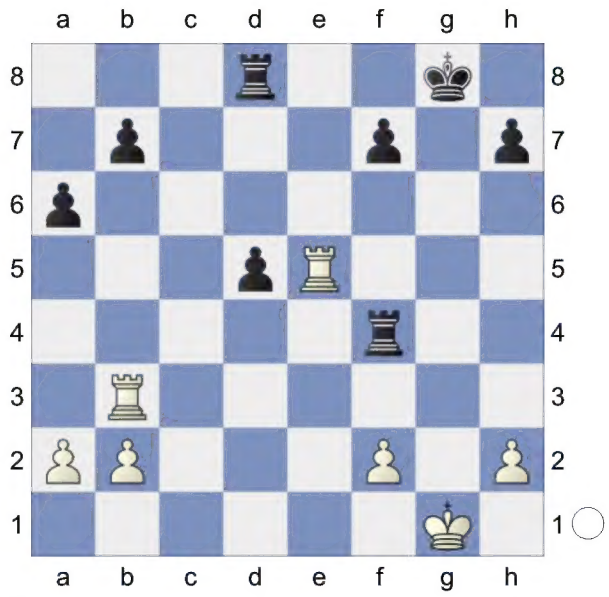
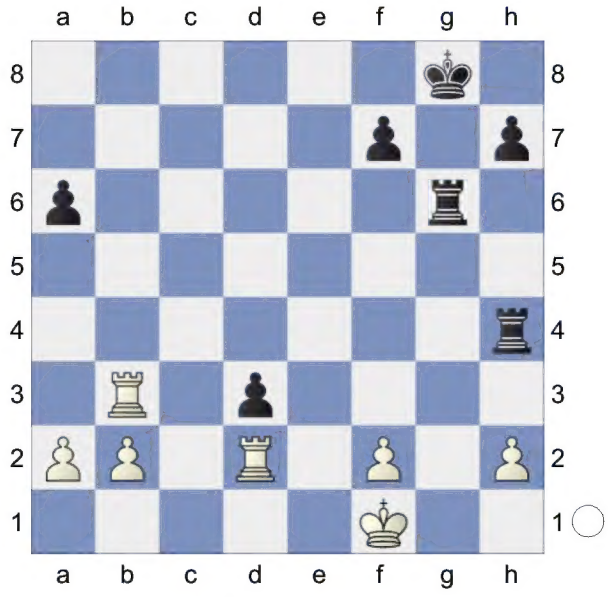


31.Rxb7 d4 32.Re2 Rd6 33.Rb3 d3 -0.10/22

[33...h5∓ -0.49/18 is more appropriate.]

34.Rd2= The position is equal.

34...Rg6+ 35.Kf1 Rh4



36.f3 Rd6 37.Kg2 Rhd4 38.Kf2 Rh4 39.Kg2 Rhd4 40.Kf2 Rh4

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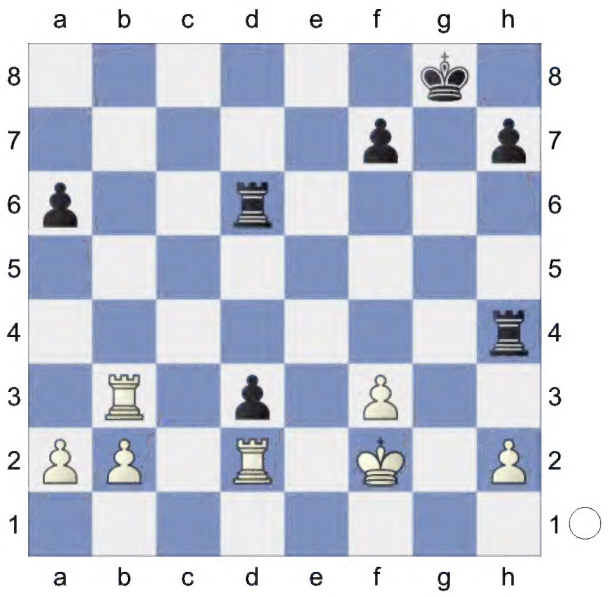

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)

½-½

2	**B90**
□ **Muzychuk,Anna**	**2516**
■ **Muzychuk,Mariya**	**2490**
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[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 Khalifman,Alexander: 'John Fedorowicz: 'With White playing f3 and g4 all over the place preventing it doesn't seem like a bad idea.'' Khalifman, Alexander: 'John Fedorowicz: 'With White playing f3 and g4 all over the place preventing it doesn't seem like a bad idea.' John Fedorowicz: 'With White playing f3 and g4 all over the place preventing it doesn't seem like a bad idea. Jacob Aagaard: 'White sacrifices a knight on f5: This type of knight sacrifice has different effects. One reason for the sacrifice is to open the e-file, but just as

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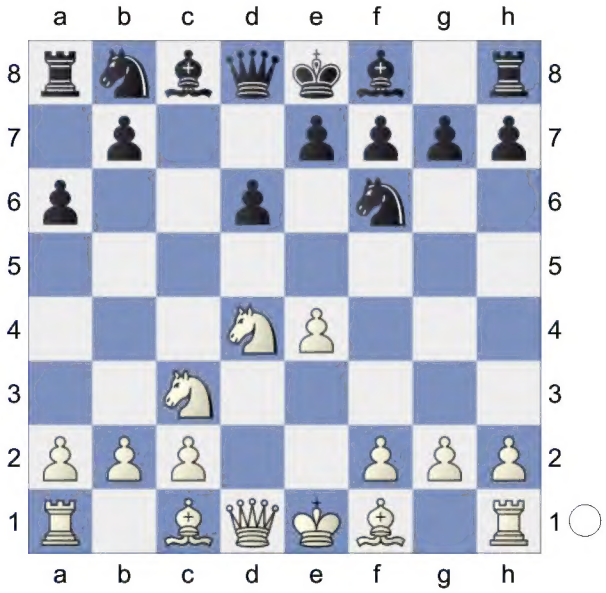


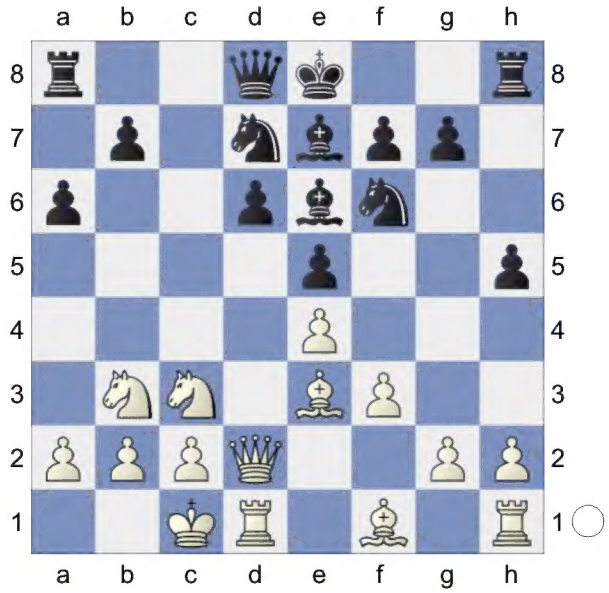
6.f3 e5N

[6...e6 7.Be3 b5 *(7...h5 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.Bc4 Ne5 10.Bb3 b5 11.0-0-0 Bb7 12.Bg5 Qa5 13.Kb1 Nc4 14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.Rhe1 Rb8 16.Nf5 exf5 17.e5 Bc8 18.exf6+ Be6 19.fxg7 Bxg7 20.Qxd6 Rxb2+ 21.Kxb2 Qxc3+ 22.Kc1* Khalifman,A (2688)-Van Wely,L (2697) Wijk aan Zee 2002 CBM 087 [Ftacnik, Lubomir] 1-0 (33) *)* 8.a3 Bb7 9.Be2 Be7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Qe1 0-0 12.Rd1 Rc8 13.Nb3 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Bd3 Qc7 17.Kh1

Ne5 18.Nc1 Nxd3 19.cxd3 Qe5 20.Qd2 Bf6 21.d4 Lczero (2235)-Pape,J (2412) Game 1 2010 CBM 12 [Dragan Solak] 1-0 (36) Qf5 22.Rf2 Rc7 23.Qb4 Rfc8 24.Kg1 h5 25.Nb3 Bxb3 26.Qxb3 Rd7 27.a4 Rc4 28.axb5 axb5 29.Rfd2 Qd5 30.Qd3 g6 31.Qe4 Kg7 32.Qxd5 Rxd5 33.Kf2 Kf8 34.Ke2 Ke8 35.b3 Rc3 36.Rd3 Schweitzer,V (2235) - Lagarde,M (2412) Metz 2010 CBM 136 Extra [ChessBase II] 1-0 (36)]

[6...b5 7.a3 Bb7 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.Be2 e6 10.Qd2 Be7 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.g4 Nb6 13.g5 Nfd7 14.Kb1 Ne5 15.b3 d5 16.f4 Ned7 17.Na2 dxe4 18.h4 Nd5 19.g6 hxg6 20.h5 g5 21.Rhg1 Darsith,M (1588)-Mahmoud Youssef, N (1674) Dubai 2023 1-0 (39)]

7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 Be7 9.Qd2 h5 10.0-0-0 Nbd7



11.Kb1 b5 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Nb6 14.Bxb6 Qxb6 15.Na5 Rc8

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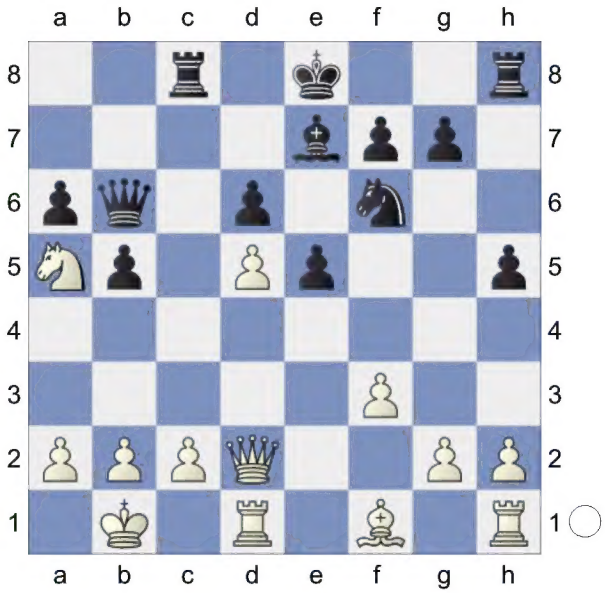
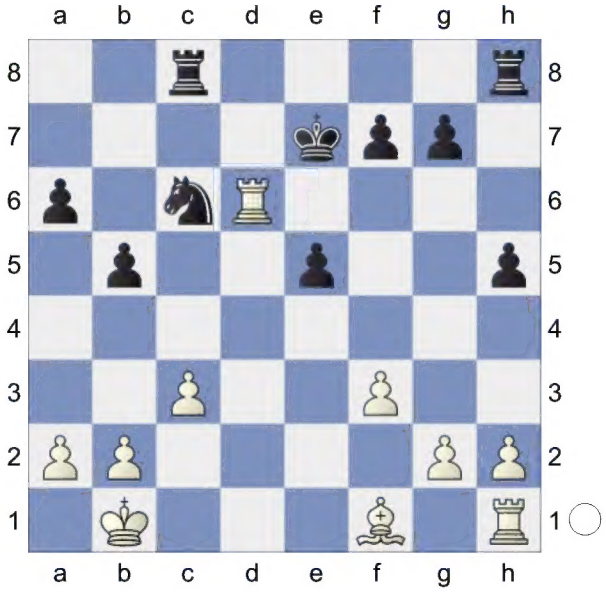


16.Nc6 Nxd5 17.Nxe7 Nxe7 18.Qxd6 Qxd6 19.Rxd6 The position is equal. **19...Nc6! 20.c3 Ke7**



21.Rd1 Rhd8 22.Bd3 Rc7 23.Rhe1 Rcd7 24.Kc2 Rc7

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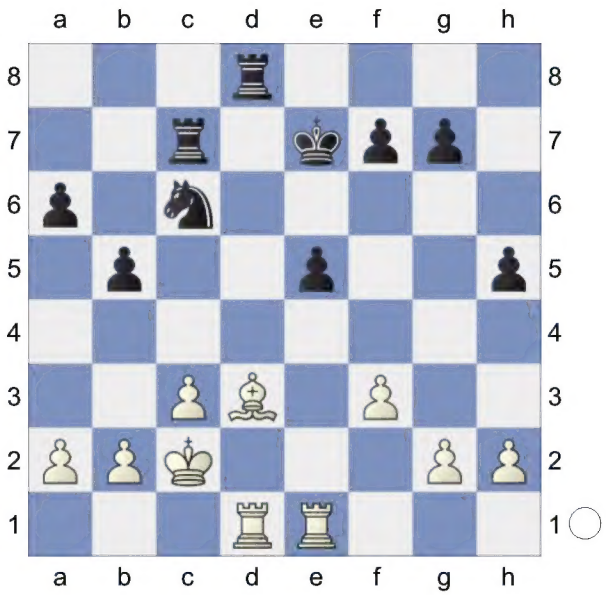
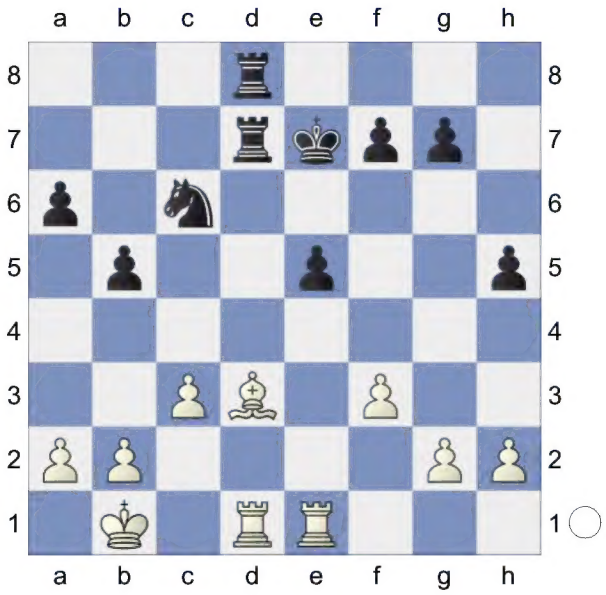


Threatens to win with ...Nb4+. **25.Kb1 Rcd7**



26.Kc2 Rc7 White must now prevent ... Nb4+. **27.Kb1 Rcd7**

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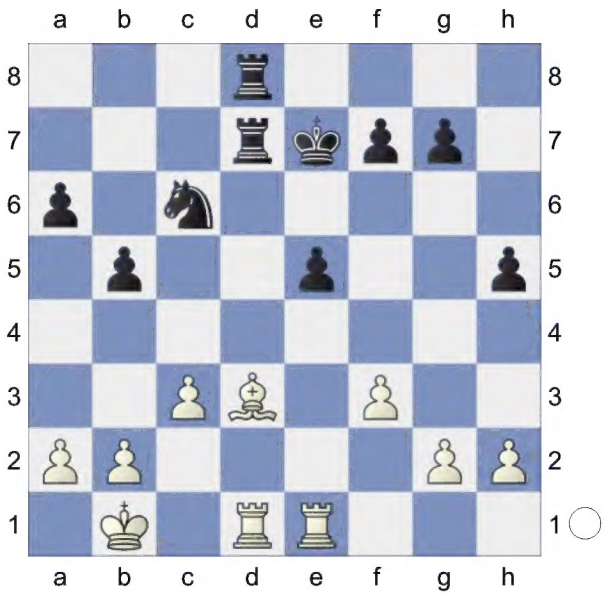

An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)
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3 **C67**
□ **Divya,Deshmukh** **2470**
■ **Dronavalli,Harika** **2483**
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[Kitty Kat]

C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Re1 Nd6**

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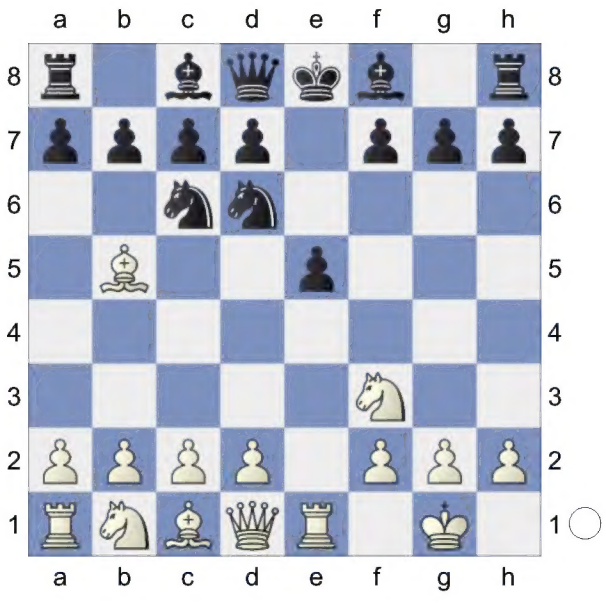
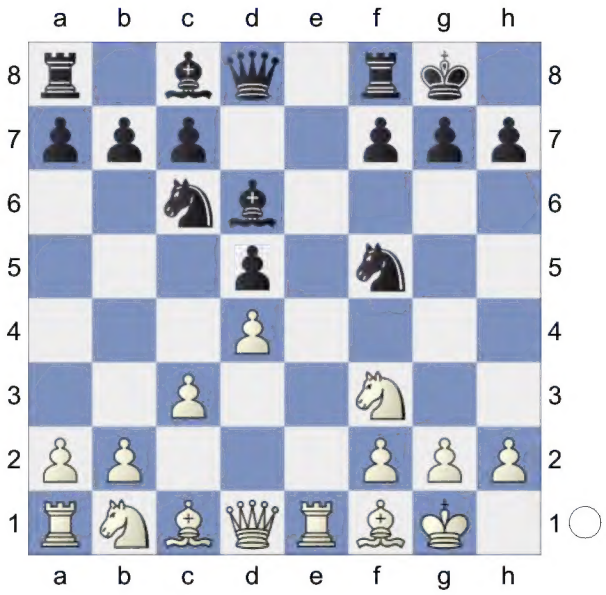


6.Nxe5 Be7 7.Bf1 Nf5 8.Nf3 0-0 9.d4 d5 White has an edge. **10.c3 Bd6**



11.Nbd2

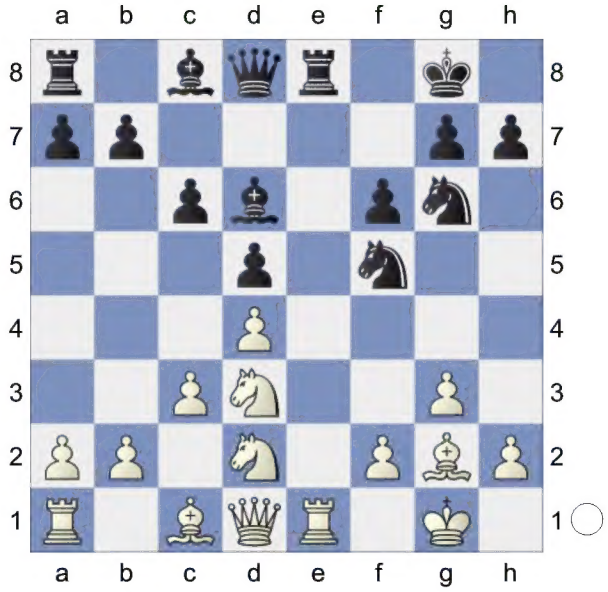
[11.Bd3 Nce7 12.Nbd2 c6 13.Nf1 Ng6 14.Qc2 Nfh4 15.Nxh4 Qxh4 16.g3 Qd8 17.Ne3 Re8 18.Bd2 Nf8 19.Nf5 Bc7 20.Rxe8 Qxe8 21.Re1 Be6 22.Qc1 f6 23.Qd1 Qd7 24.Qf3 Re8 25.h4 Bf7 Molina,R (2826)-Buchicchio,G (2800) B) 8...Rb8 2010 World Championship [Nastasio, Davide] ½-½ (68)]

[11.Na3 Bxa3 12.bxa3 Nce7 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bf4 Ng6 15.Bg3 c6 16.Bd3 Rf7 17.Qc2 Nxg3 18.hxg3 Nf8 19.Rab1 g6 20.c4 Be6 21.c5 Qa5 22.Re3 Rd8 23.Rbe1 Bc8 24.Re8 Qc7 25.R8e3 Rdd7 Simonian, H (2431)-Bruzon Batista,L (2610) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (35)]

11...Nce7 12.Ne5N

[12.Qc2 c6 13.Bd3 g6 14.Nf1 f6 15.h3 Rf7 16.Bd2 Bd7 17.Re2 c5 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Bf4 Rc8 20.Rae1 g5 21.Ng3 Nxg3 22.Bxg3 a5 23.Qd2 a4 24.b4 axb3 25.axb3 Ng6 26.h4 gxh4 Sanjuan Garcia,M (2649)-Deslandes,P (2817) Deutschland 80/340 2017 CBM 195 [Mason, BCM 1903 p40 Chess in Manchester] 1-0 (42)]

12...f6 13.Nd3 c6 14.g3 Ng6 15.Bg2 Re8



16.Rxe8+ Qxe8 17.Nf1 Be6 18.a4 a5 19.Bd2 Qf7 20.Qe2 Re8

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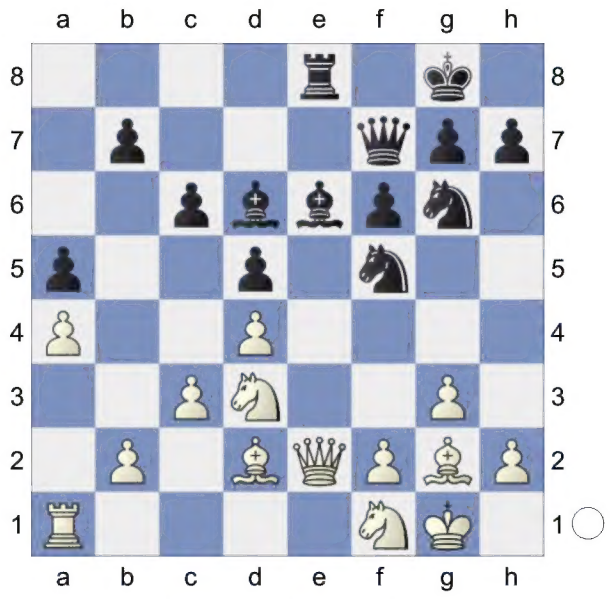
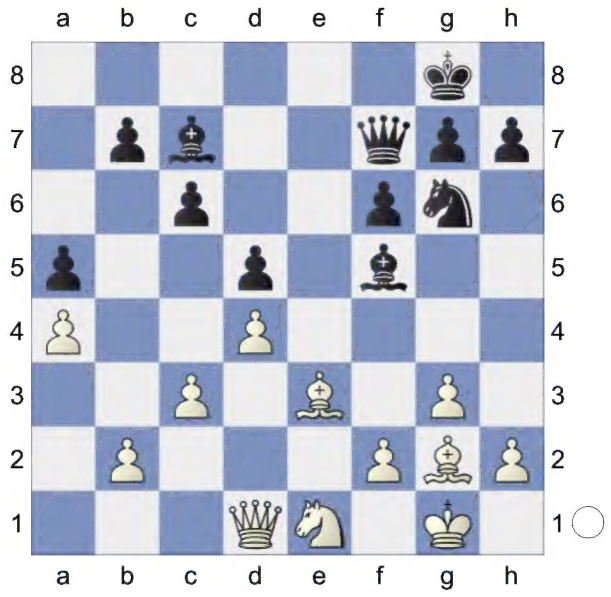


21.Re1 Bd7 22.Qd1 Rxe1 23.Nxe1 Bc7 24.Ne3 Nxe3 25.Bxe3 Bf5



26.Nf3 Ne7 27.Qc1 Nc8 28.Bf4 Nd6 29.Nd2 g5 30.Bxd6 Bxd6

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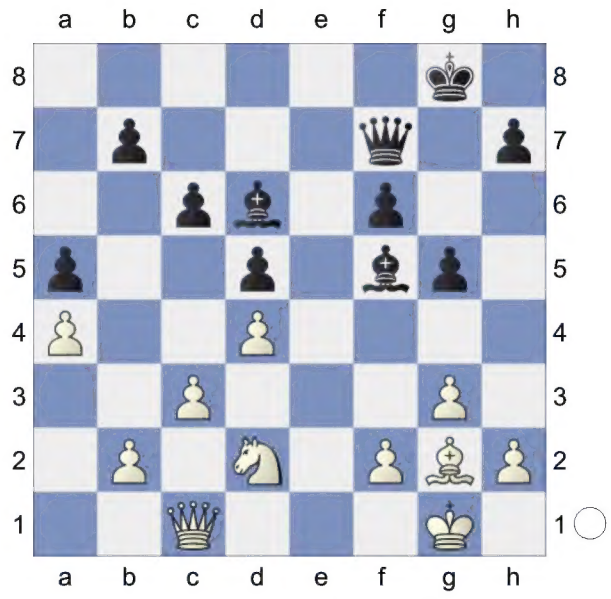

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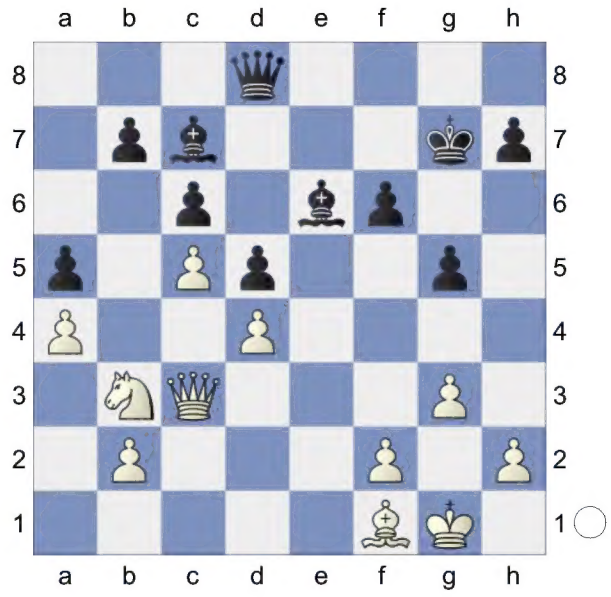

36.Bd3 Bh3 37.Qe1 h5 38.Qe2 Bg4 39.f3 -0.55/19

[White should play 39.Qc2= -0.01/22]

39...Bd7∓ 40.Bc2 Qe8 -0.01/23

[40...Kf7∓ -0.74/20]

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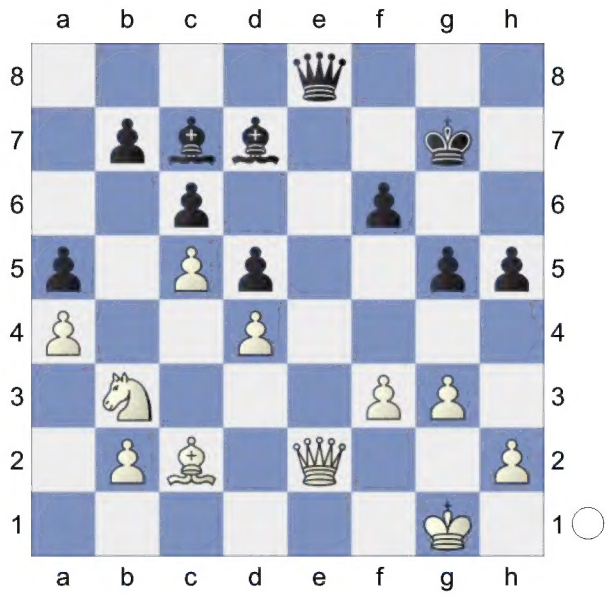
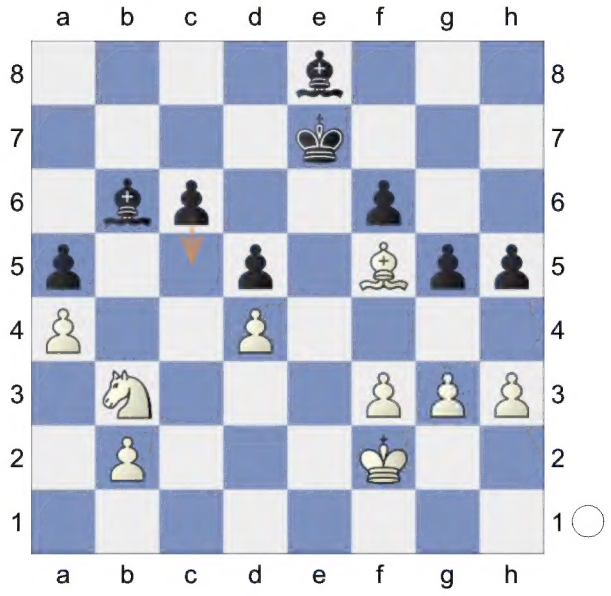


41.Qxe8!= The position is equal. **41...Bxe8** Endgame KBB-KBN **42.Bf5!** Inhibits Bd7. **42...Kf8 43.Kf2 Ke7 44.h3 b6 45.cxb6 Bxb6**



46.Nc5 Kd6 47.Nb7+ Kc7! 48.Nc5 Kd6 49.Nb7+ Kc7! 50.Nc5 Kd6

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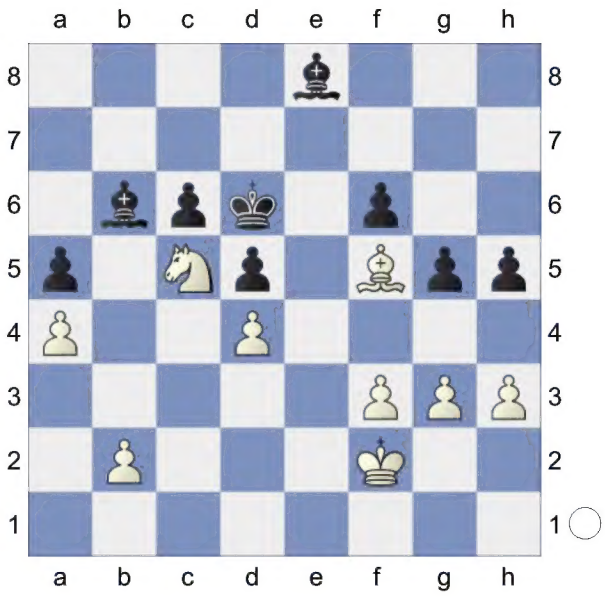

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4	**B31**
□ **Tsolakidou,Stavroula**	**2445**
■ **Paehtz,Elisabeth**	**2424**
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[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

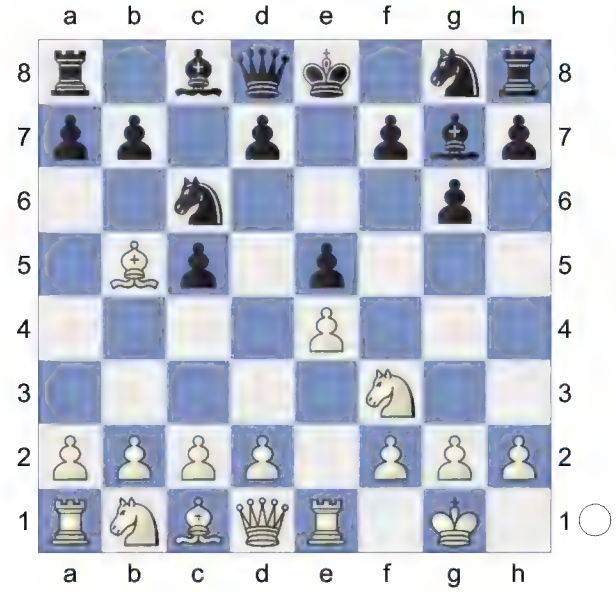
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qc2 Ng6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ba2 0-0 11.Be3 a6 12.Na4 b5 13.Nc5 Nce5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bd4 d6 17.Nd3 Bb7 Devaux,N (1905)-Auvray,S (2034) Issy les Moulineaux 2011 EXT 2012 [ChessBase II] 0-1]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7*

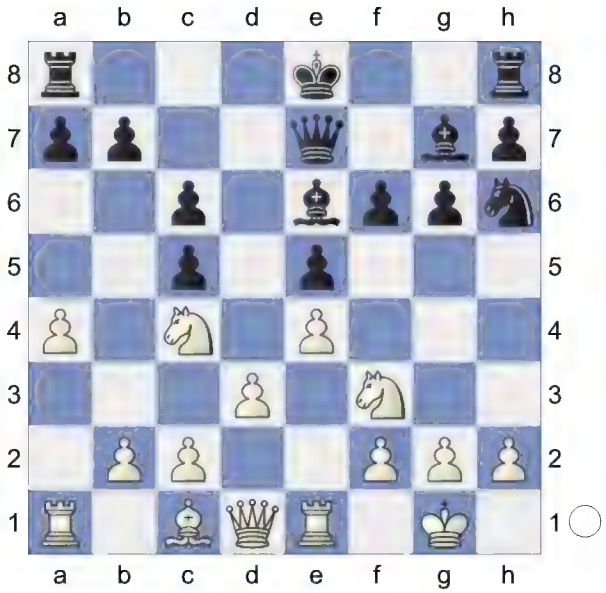
17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 Hanke,L (2709)-10.Bc2 c5 11. Nbd2_15267 (2728) corr ICCF 2006 200 Traps In The Opening [CPC 1879 p37; ACJ March 1879] 1-0 (72)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 8.Na3 Be7 9.Nc2 Bg5 1-Siemer,A ICCF email 1975 Telechess CBM 89 [Alvarez,R/Van Kempen] 1-0 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 (30) 8.Na3 Be7 9. Nc2 Bg5 10.Bg5-Siemer,A ICCF email 1975 Telechess CBM 89 [Alvarez,R/ Van Kempen]]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 e5

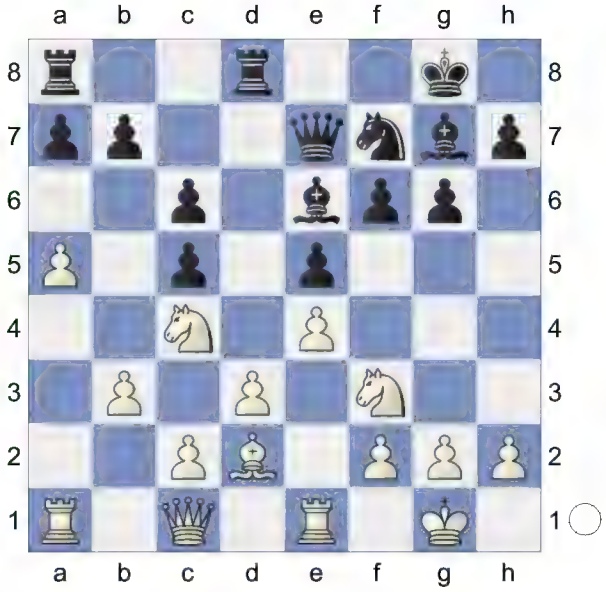


6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.a4 Qe7 8.Na3 Nh6 9.d3 White is slightly better. **9...f6 10.Nc4 Be6**

(Diagram)



11.a5 0-0 12.Be3 Ng4 13.Bd2 Nh6 14.b3 Rfd8 15.Qc1 Nf7



16.Be3 Rd7 17.Qa3 Bf8 18.Nfd2 Rb8 19.f4 b5 20.axb6! axb6

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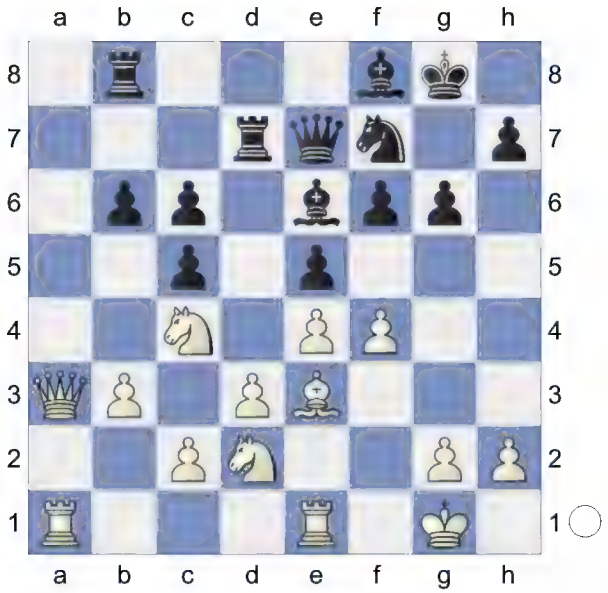
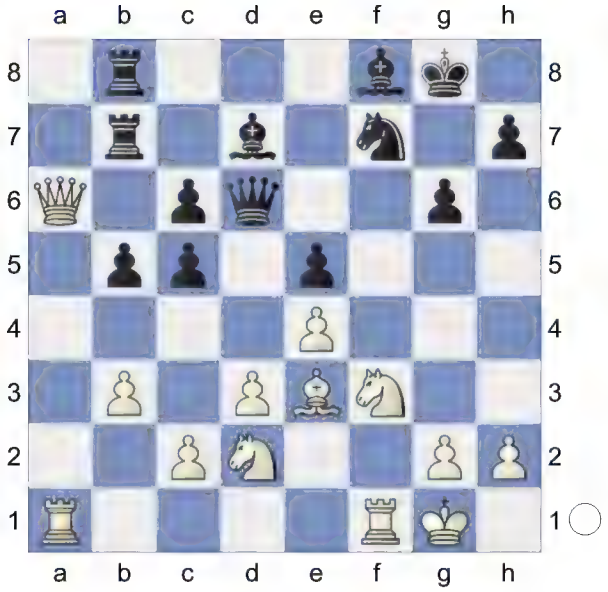
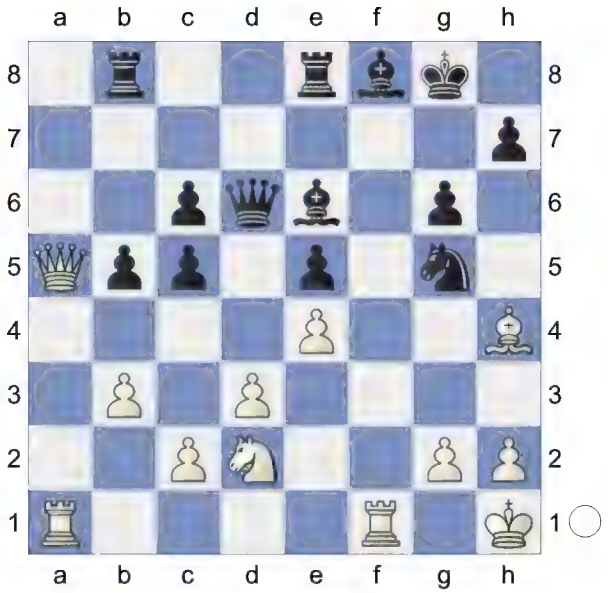


21.fxe5 fxe5 22.Qa6! Rdb7 23.Nf3 Pair of Knights! **23...Bd7 24.Rf1** 0x0.001fdbb23cb4dp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **24...b5 25.Ncd2 Qd6**

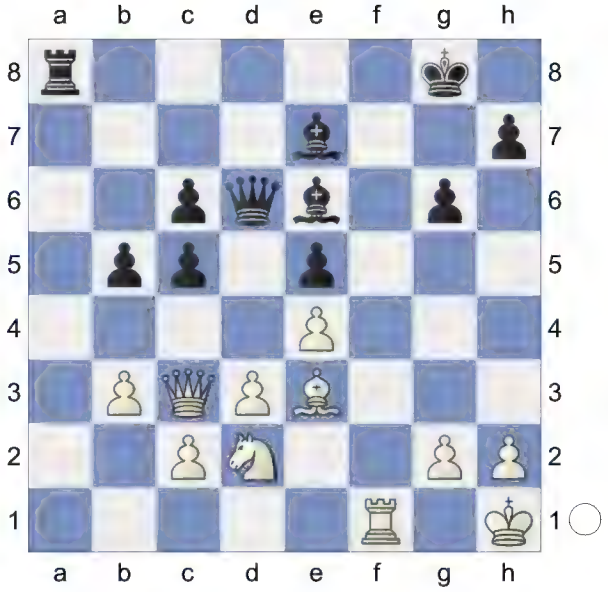


26.Bf2 Be6 27.Kh1 Rd7 28.Qa5 Rdd8 0.69/22
[⌓28...g5 0.37/21]
29.Bh4 Re8 30.Ng5 Nxg5

(Diagram)



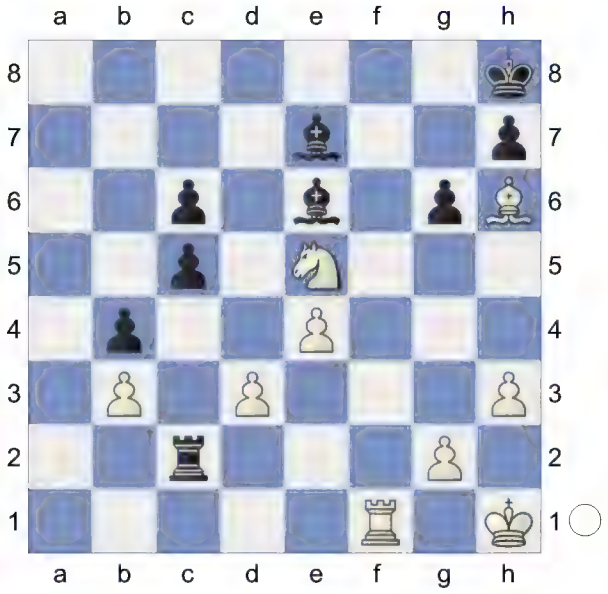
31.Bxg5 Be7 32.Be3 Rf8 33.Rxf8+ Rxf8 34.Qc3 Re8 35.Rf1 Ra8



36.h3 Ra2

(Diagram)

Hoping for ...b4. **37.Nf3 b4** 0.79/23
[⌓37...Kg7 1.15/21]
38.Qxe5± Rxc2? 5.67/24 A mistake that costs the game.
[38...h6± 1.08/24 is more resistant.]
39.Bh6+- White is clearly winning.
39...Qxe5 40.Nxe5 Kh8



41.Nxc6 Bh4 42.g3

(Diagram)

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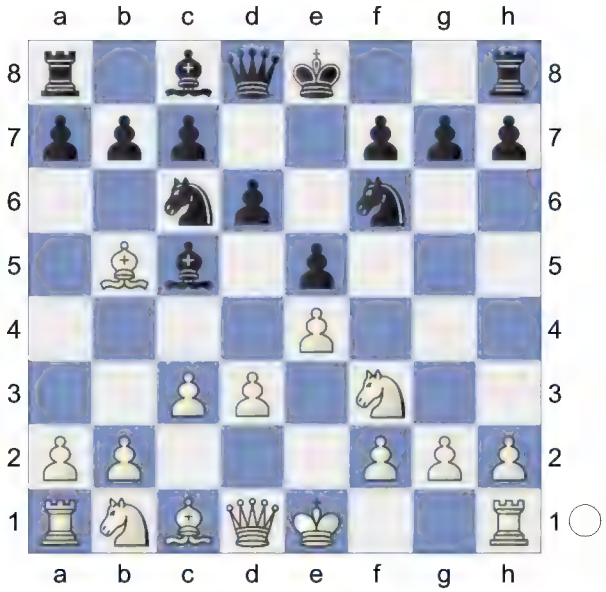
1-0

5 **C65**
□ **Zhu,Jiner** **2514**
■ **Badelka,Olga** **2429**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (1.5) 15.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5 It was clea'Caruana,F: 'It was clear to me from the beginning that this would be a fighting game. Vladimir had just played a very long (nearly 8 hours!) and certainly disappointing game against Leko the previous round, so I felt it was a good time to strike." r to me from the beginning that this would be a fighting game. Vladimir had just played a very long (nearly 8 hours!) and certainly disappointing game against Leko the previous round, so I felt it was a good time to strike. Van Delft & Ris: 'BEATING KRAMNIK IN THE OPEN

GAMES Winning against Kramnik is quite a feat, and doing so twice within a few weeks is amazing, especially considering how young Caruana still is. He switched from the Scotch to an Anti-Berlin.' It was clear to me from the beginning that this would be a fighting game. Vladimir had just played a very long (nearly 8 hours!) and certainly disappointing game against Leko the previous round, so I felt it was a good time to strike. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.c3 d6**



6.0-0 0-0 7.Nbd2 Re8

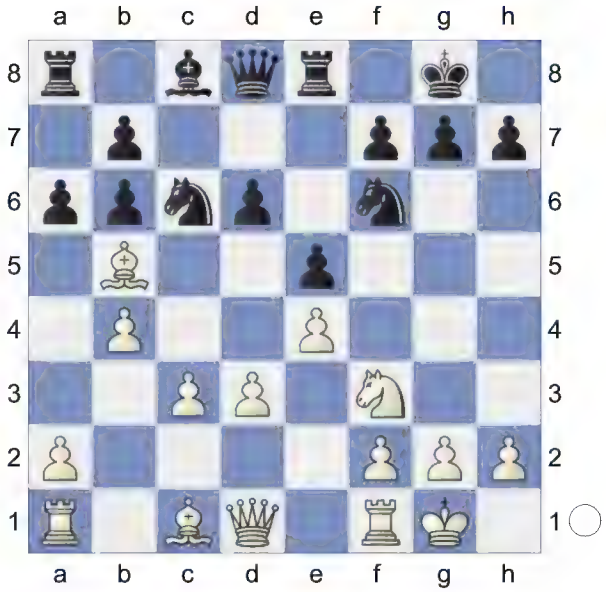
[7...Ne7 8.d4 exd4 9.cxd4 Bb6 10.b3 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Bd3 Bf5 13.Qe2 Nc6 14.Bb2 Nxd2 15.Qxd2 Be4 16.Be2 f6 17.b4 fxe5 18.dxe5 Kh8 19.b5 Ne7 20.Ng5 Ng6 21.g3 Qe7 22.e6 Caruana,F (2775)-Kramnik,V (2799) Dortmund 2012 CBM 150 [Caruana,Fabiano] 1-0 (53)]

[7...a6 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.d4 exd4 10.cxd4 Ba7 11.Qc2 Re8 12.Re1 c5 13.d5 Bd7 14.Nc4 h6 15.Bd2 Qe7 16.Ba5 Nxe4 17.Bxc7 Bf5 18.Nxd6 Nxd6 19.Rxe7 Bxc2 20.Bxd6 Red8 21.Rc1 Rxd6 22.Rxc2 Svidler,P (2735)-Meier,G (2628) Baden-Baden Karlsruhe 2019 CBM 190 [Krasenkow,Michal] 1-0 (51)]

8.b4N

[8.d4 exd4 9.cxd4 Nxd4 10.Bxe8 Qxe8 11.Nxd4 Bxd4 12.h3 Bd7 13.Re1 Bc6 14.Nf3 Bb6 15.Be3 Ba5 16.Bd2 Bb6 17.Be3 Ba5 18.Bd2 Bb6 19.Be3 ½-½ (19) Dominguez Perez,L (2713)-Aronian,L (2783) Leon (m/1-rapid) 109/(188) 2010]

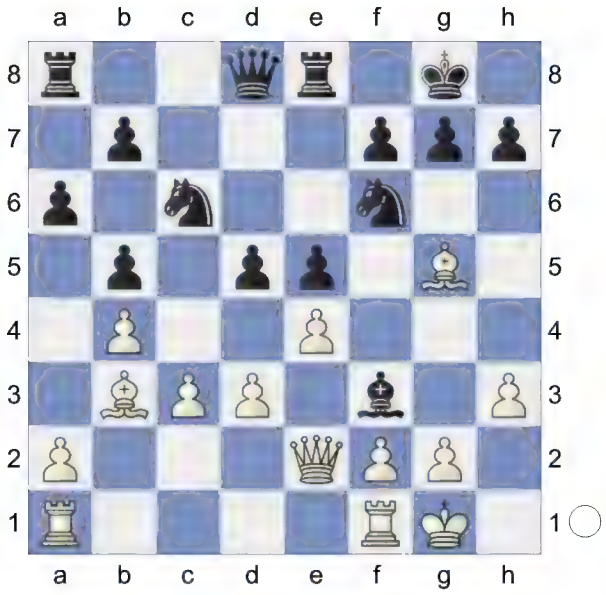
8...Bb6 9.Nc4 a6 The position is equal. **10.Nxb6 cxb6**



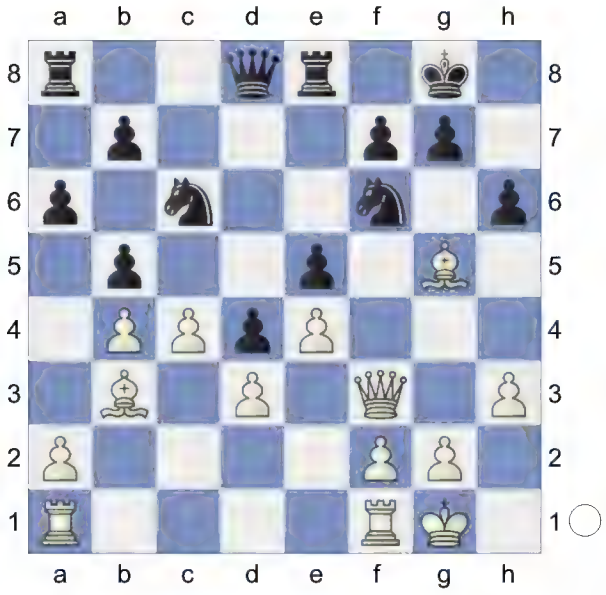
11.Ba4 d5 12.Qe2 Bg4 13.h3↑ White fights for an advantage. **13...Bh5 14.Bg5 b5 15.Bb3 Bxf3** 0.53/21

[15...Qd6= 0.15/20]

(Diagram)

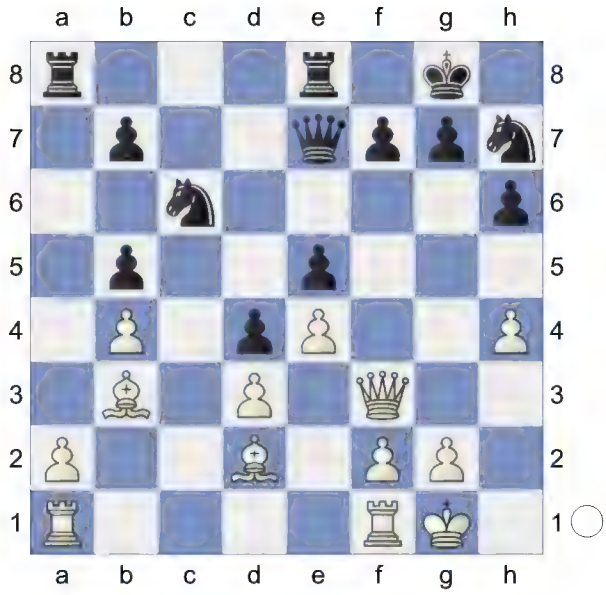


16.Qxf3± d4 17.c4 h6

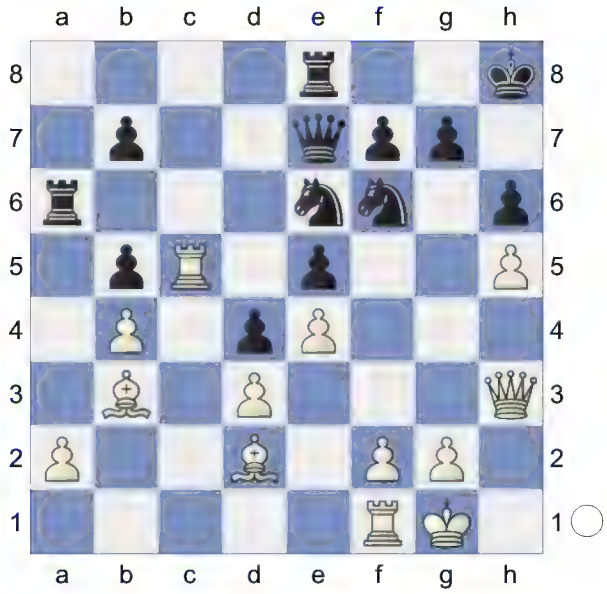


18.cxb5! axb5 19.Bd2 Qe7 20.h4 0.20/19
[20.Rab1± 0.59/18 is more appropriate.]
20...Nh7 1.06/23
[20...Nxb4= 0.20/19 21.g4 Kh8]

(Diagram)



21.Rac1± Nd8 1.95/20
[21...Nf6± 1.29/20 was worth a try.]
22.Qg3+- Kh8 23.Rc5 Ra6 24.h5 1.27/21 Against Rg6
[24.Rxb5+- 2.35/21 Nf6 25.a4]
24...Nf6± 25.Qh3 &Bianco is more active.
[25.Rxb5 Nxh5 26.Qh2 Nf6±]
25...Ne6 2.52/22
[25...Rb6± 1.53/22]



26.Rxb5+-
[26.Rxe5?! Ng5 27.Rxg5 hxg5

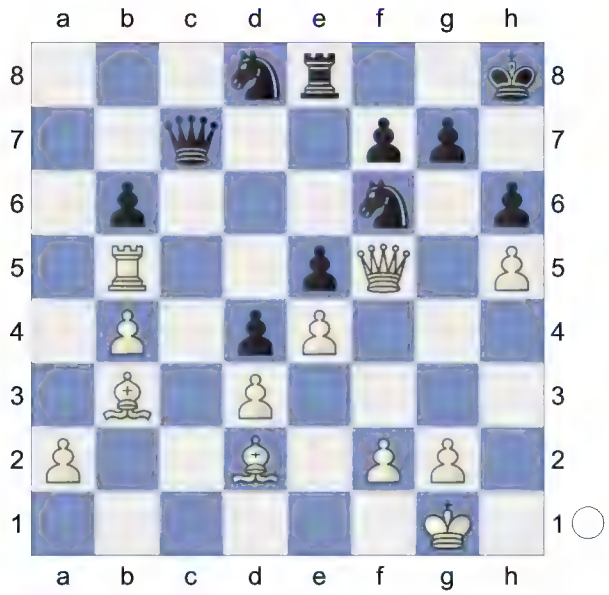
28.Bxg5 Qd7 29.Qxd7 Nxd7 30.Bxf7 Rf8+-]

26...Rc6 27.Qf5 Nd8 28.Rc1 Rxc1+ 29.Bxc1 b6 30.Bd2

[Weaker is 30.Rxb6 Qc7 31.Bxh6 Qxb6∓]

30...Qc7 3.82/24

[30...Nd7 2.23/23 31.Ba4 Ne6]



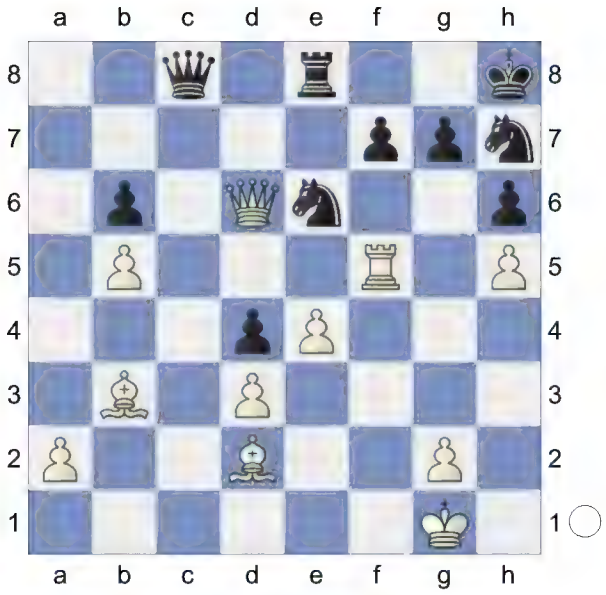
31.f4 exf4 32.Qxf4

[Don't take 32.Bxf4?! Qc3+-]

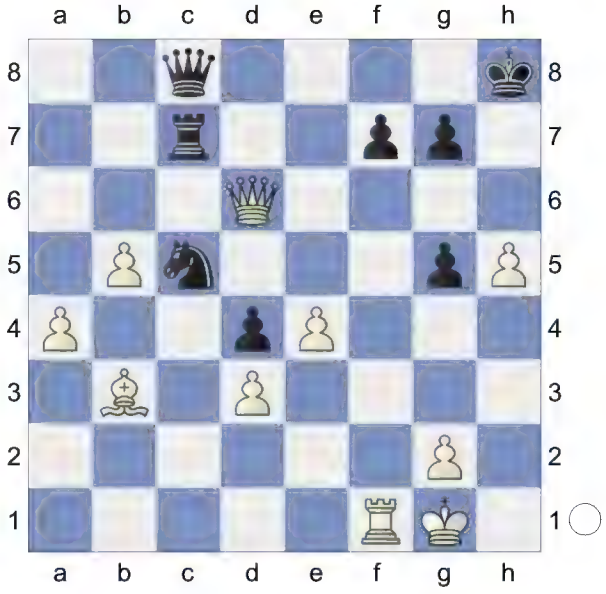
32...Qc6 33.Rf5 Nh7 34.b5 Qc8 35.Qd6 Ne6 6.51/24

[⌓35...Qb7 4.17/20 36.Re5 Rf8]

(Diagram)



36.Qxb6 Nhg5 37.a4 Re7 38.Qd6 Rc7 39.Rf1 Nc5 40.Bxg5 hxg5



41.Rc1 Kh7 42.Bd5 Ne6 43.Rxc7 Nxc7 44.Bxf7

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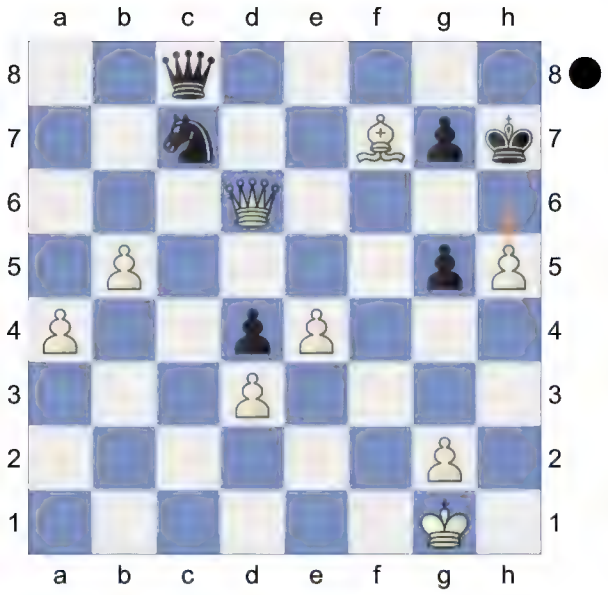
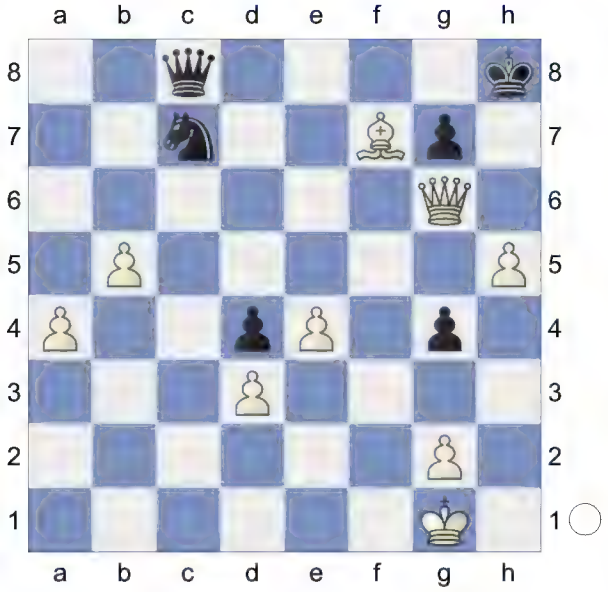


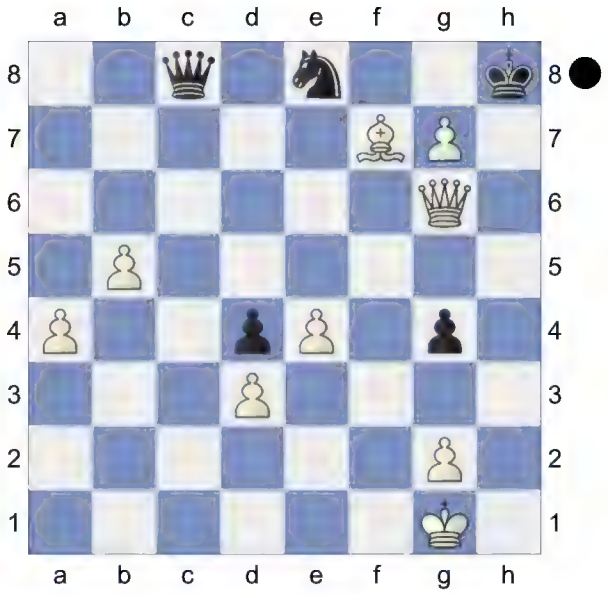
White wants to mate with h6! **44...g4 45.Qg6+ Kh8**



46.h6 Ne8 47.hxg7+

[Not 47.Bxe8 Qc1+ 48.Kh2 Qf4+ 49.g3 Qf2+ 50.Kh1 Qf1+ 51.Kh2 Qf2+ 52.Kh1 Qf1+ 53.Kh2 Qf2+=]

(Diagram)



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6 **D20**

□ **Dzagnidze,Nana** **2513**

■ **Badelka,Olga** **2429**

Nikosia WGP 2025 (2.1) 16.03.2025

[Kitty Kat]

D20: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 e3 and 3 e4 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 e5 4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Nc3 exd4**

(Diagram)

6.Nxd4 Nd7 7.Bxc4 Threatening Qb3. **7...Ngf6 8.0-0** Bxf7+! is the strong threat. **8...0-0 9.Bg5**

[9.f3 Ne5 10.Be2 Qe7 *(10...Bc5 11.Be3 Nc6 12.Nc2 Bxe3+ 13.Nxe3 Nd4 14.Bc4 Be6 15.Qd3 c5 16.Rad1 Qc7 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Nb5 Nxb5 19.Qxb5 Rad8 20.Qb3 Qc6 21.a4 Kh8 22.Nc4 Qc7 23.Qc3 b6 24.Qe5 Qe7 25.Nd6* Ernst,R (2196)-Fuchs,P (2041) St Veit 2023 1-0*)* 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 c5 13.Nb3 Rd8 14.Qc2 Be6 15.Be3 b6 16.Nd2 Nc6 17.Rfe1 Rac8 18.Bf1 h6 19.h3 Rc7 20.a4 Bc8 21.Nc4 Rcd7 22.Bf4 Nh5 23.Bh2 Ba6 11... Qc7 12.Nbd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2768)-8.Nf3 c5 9.Bg5 0-0_66016 (2548) Sevilla 2011 CBM 36 [Michalczak] 1-0]

9...h6N 0.52/20

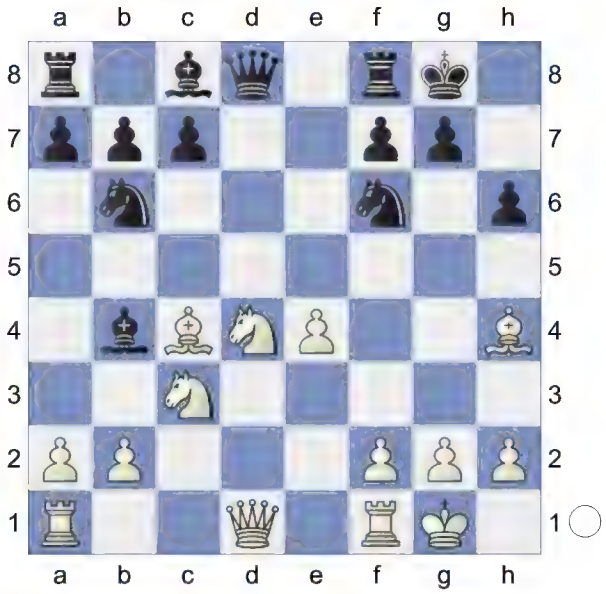
[9...Ne5= 0.07/18 10.Be2 *(10.Bb3 c6 11.Rc1 h6 12.Bh4 Ng6 13.Bg3 Bxc3 14.Rxc3 Nxe4 15.Re3 Nf6 16.Rfe1 Nd5 17.Rd3 Ngf4 18.Rd2 Qf6 19.Bxd5 Nxd5 20.Be5 Qg6 21.Rd3 f6 22.Rg3 Qf7 23.Bd6 Rd8 24.Ba3 Bd7* Wang Puchen (2341)-Mester,G (2227) Russia 2022 ICCF Telechess CBM 104 [John Watson] *½-½ 25.h3)* 10...c6 11.a3 Be7 12.h3 Qc7 13.Be3 Rd8 14.Qe1 Ng6 15.f4 Bc5 16.Rd1 Bxd4 17.Bxd4 Nxf4 18.Bxf6 Nxe2+ 19.Nxe2 Rxd1 20.Qxd1 gxf6 21.Nf4 Kh8 22.Nh5 Be6 23.Nxf6 Qe5 24.Qd2 Kg7 25.Rf3 c5 Hebel,E (2630)-Campos,J (2670) SC Blankenberg 2014 Telechess CBM 89 [Harding/Busemann] 0-1 (48)]

10.Bh4 -0.22/19

[10.Bxf6± 0.52/20 Nxf6 11.e5 Bxc3 12.bxc3]

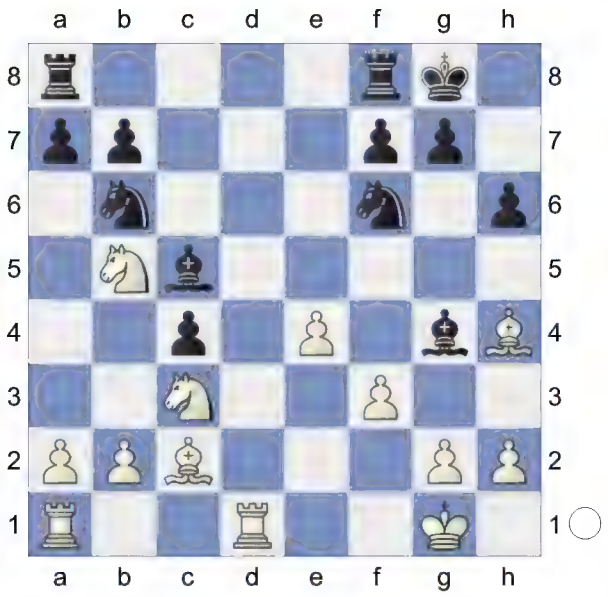
10...Nb6 0.61/20

[10...Ne5= -0.22/19 11.Bb3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Ng6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6]

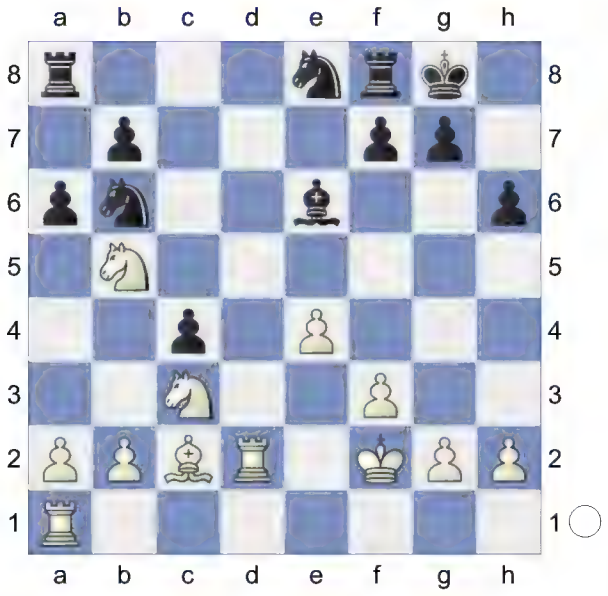


11.Bb3± c5 12.Ndb5 c4 13.Bc2 Qxd1 14.Rfxd1 Bg4 15.f3 aiming for Bxf6. **15...Bc5+**

(Diagram)



16.Bf2 Bxf2+ 17.Kxf2 Threatens to win with e5. **17...Be6 18.Rd6 Ne8 19.Rd2** &Bianco is more active. **19...a6**



20.Nd4 Nc7

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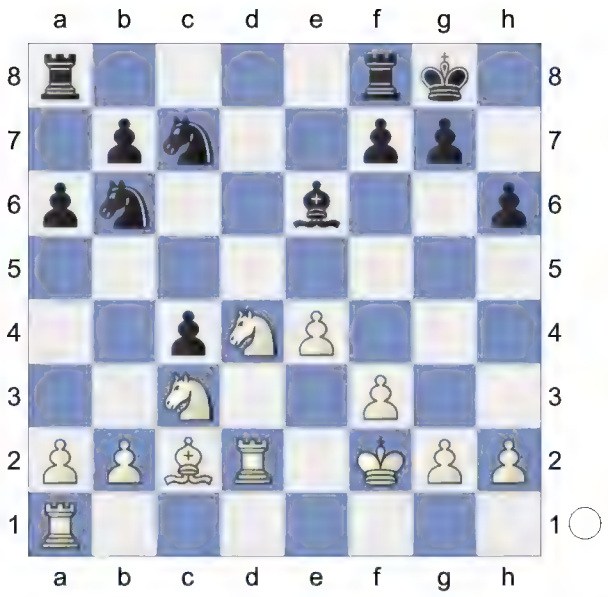
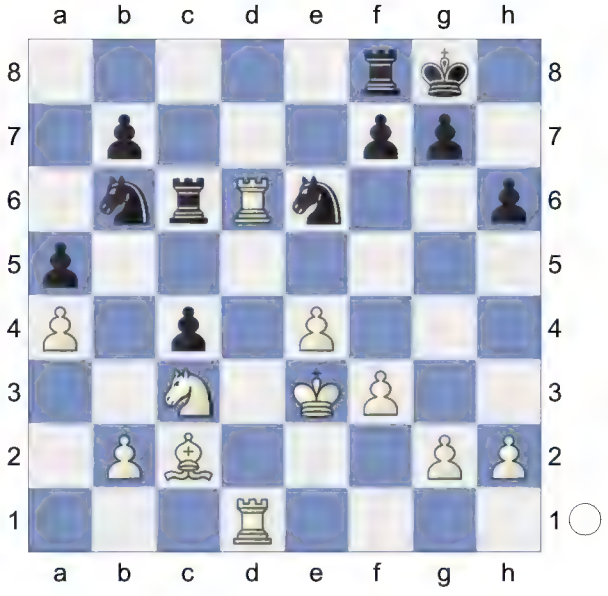
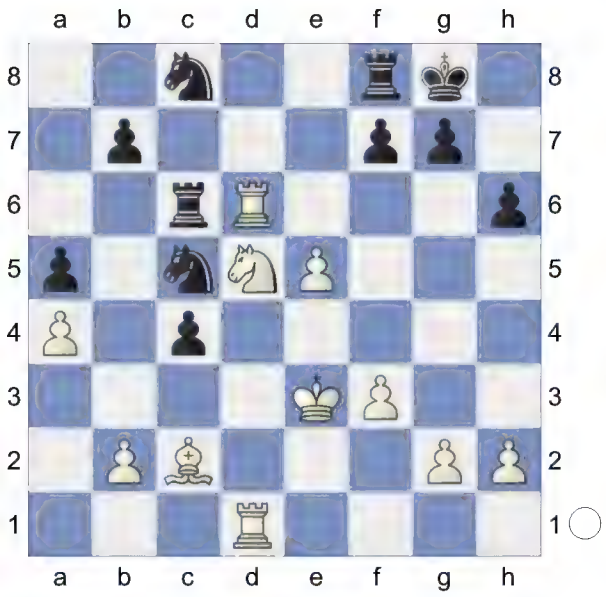


21.a4 Rad8 22.Rad1 a5 23.Ke3 Rc8 24.Nxe6 Nxe6 25.Rd6 Rc6



26.e5 Black must now prevent Be4.
26...Nc5 1.62/21
[26...g5± 1.13/20 is a better defense. 27.Be4 Nc8]
27.f4 1.01/20
[27.Nd5+- 1.62/21 Nc8

(Diagram)



28.Kd4!]

27...g6 1.53/22

[⌓27...Re8 1.01/20 28.Rxc6 bxc6]

28.Rxc6 1.15/20

[White should play 28.g4 1.53/22]

28...bxc6± 29.Rd6 Rc8 30.g4 Kf8

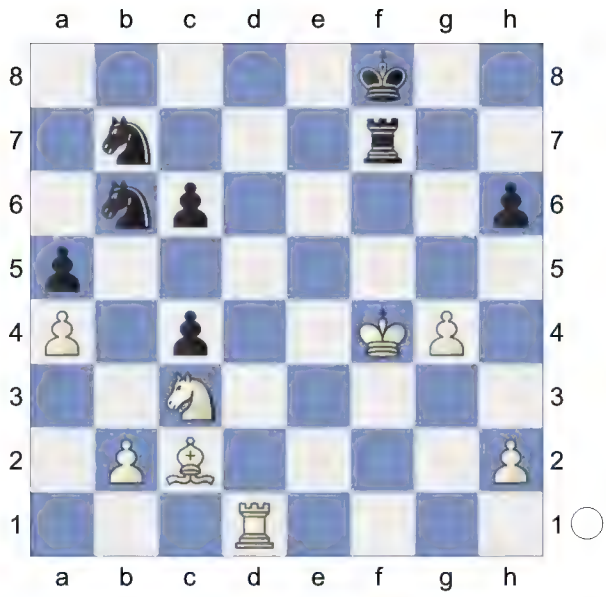
31.f5 0.47/21

[Better is 31.h4± 1.30/21]

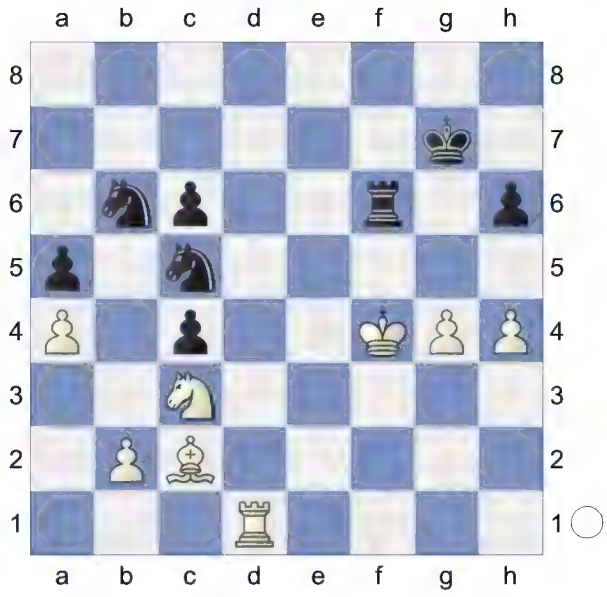
31...Nb7!± 32.Rd1

[Don't go for 32.fxg6? Nxd6 33.exd6 fxg6-+]

32...Re8 33.fxg6 Rxe5+ 34.Kf4 Re7 35.gxf7 Rxf7+



36.Kg3 Kg7 37.Be4 Rf6 38.h4 Nc5 39.Bc2 Re6 40.Kf4 Rf6+



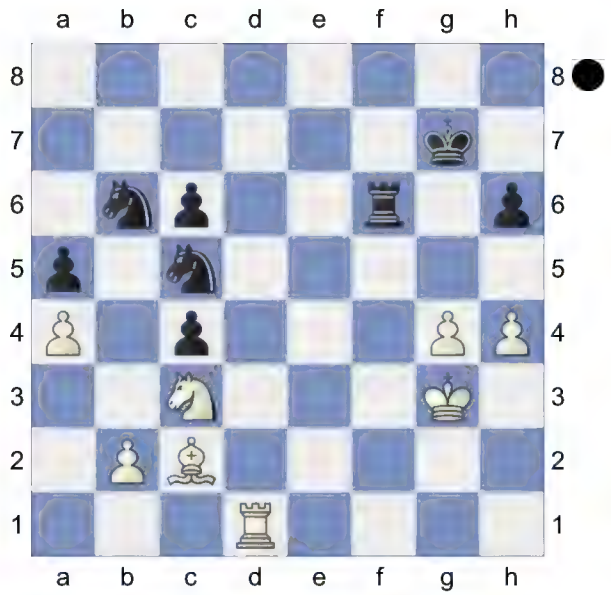
41.Kg3 -0.01/19

[41.Ke3± 0.42/22]

41...Re6= 42.Bf5 Rf6 43.Bc2 -0.01/32

[White should try 43.Rd4!± 0.49/22]

(Diagram)



White really could win this. Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) / Black=0.12 (very precise)
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7 **D38**
□ **Paehtz,Elisabeth** **2424**
■ **Zhu,Jiner** **2514**
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[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qb3 a5**

[5...c5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.e3 0-0 9.Be2 Be6 10.Nd4 Bxc5 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.0-0 Qe7 13.Bd2 Kh8 14.Rad1 a6 15.a3 Rad8 16.Bc1 Ba7 17.Qa2 Ne5 18.Nb1 Ne4 19.Qb3 Qh4 20.f3 Queen's Gambit-5. Qb3 c5 6.cd5 ed5 Survey 2022 Lexikon22 [Ribli, Ftacnik]]

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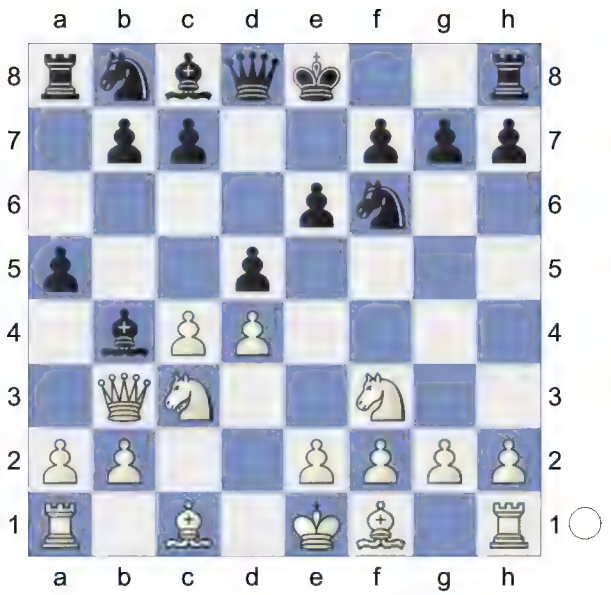

6.cxd5

[6.Bg5 c6 7.e3 Nbd7 8.a3 Be7 9.Be2 h6 10.Bh4 0-0 11.0-0 Ne4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Qc2 f5 14.Rab1 Nd6 15.Nd2 f4 16.Bd3 dxc4 17.Nxc4 f3 18.gxf3 Rxf3 19.Nxd6 Qxd6 20.Ne4 Qe7 Winkler,T (2557)-11...Qc7 12.Nbd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2774) USSR 54/(161) 2013 MAINB [Norfolk News 12 apr 1862] 0-1 (54)]

6...exd5 7.Bg5 c6N

[7...0-0 8.e3 c5 9.dxc5 Be6 10.Qc2 h6 11.Bh4 Nbd7 12.Bb5 Nxc5 13.0-0 Rc8 12) 5th Move Alternatives-5.Qb3 a5 6.cxd5 (Alternative)]

8.e3 White has an edge. **8...h6 9.Bh4 Nbd7 10.Bd3 c5**

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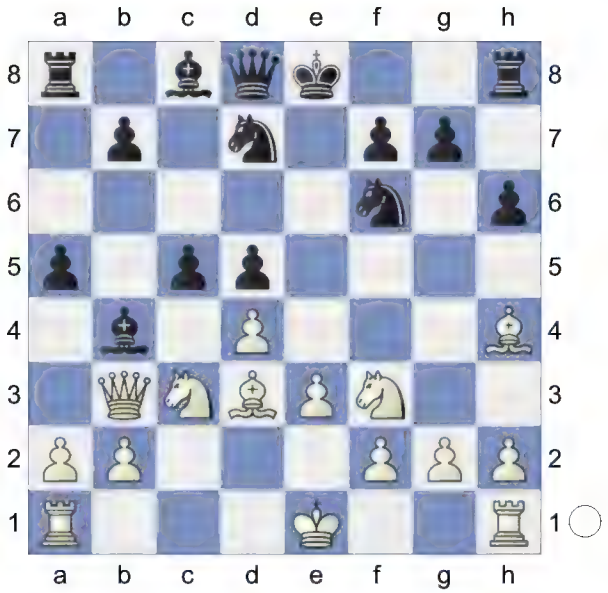
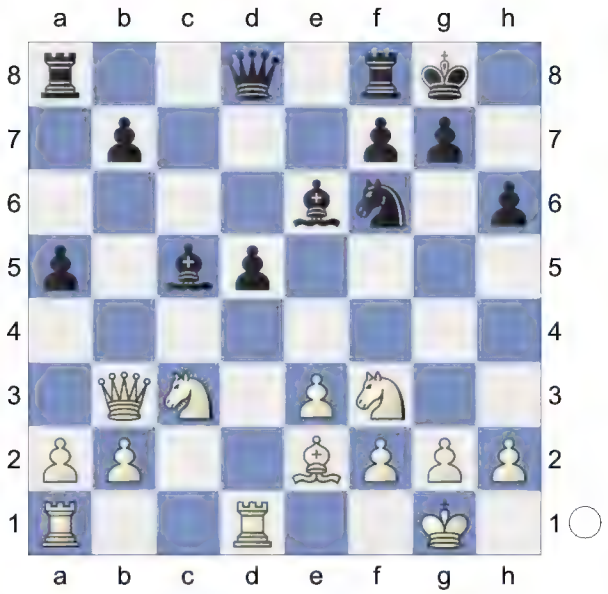


11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.dxc5 0-0 13.0-0 Bxc5 14.Rfd1 Bg4 15.Be2 Be6



16.Qxb7 Rb8 17.Qa6 Qe7
[17...Rxb2? 18.Na4 Rc2 19.Qd3 Rxe2 20.Qxe2+-]
18.Nd4 0.18/20
[18.Na4± 0.55/18]
18...Bxd4= 19.Rxd4 Rxb2 20.Bf3 Qa3

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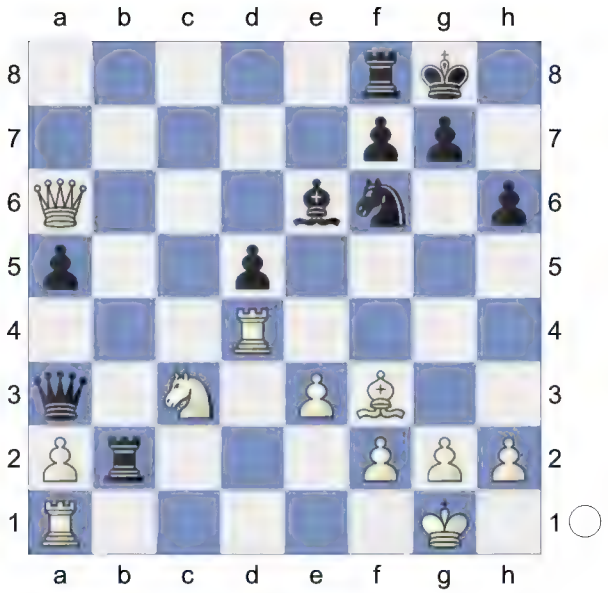
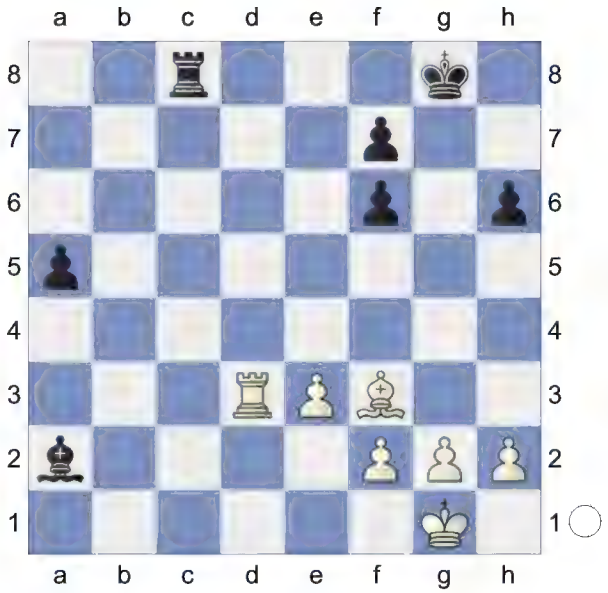


21.Qd3 Rc8
[21...Bf5 looks sharper. 22.Ra4 Qxa4 23.Nxa4 Bxd3 24.Nxb2 Bf5]
22.Nxd5 Qxd3 23.Nxf6+ gxf6 24.Rxd3 Rxa2 25.Rxa2 Bxa2



Endgame KRB-KRB **26.h4 a4 27.Bd1 Bb1! 28.Rd2** -1.22/25
[⌓28.Rd7 -0.90/25 Bf5 29.Bxa4 Bxd7 30.Bxd7]
28...a3!∓ 29.Bb3 Inhibits a2. **29...Rc3 30.Ba2**

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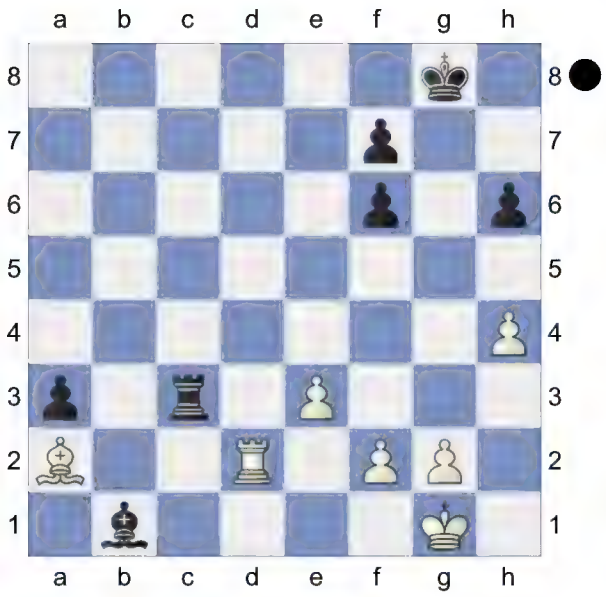
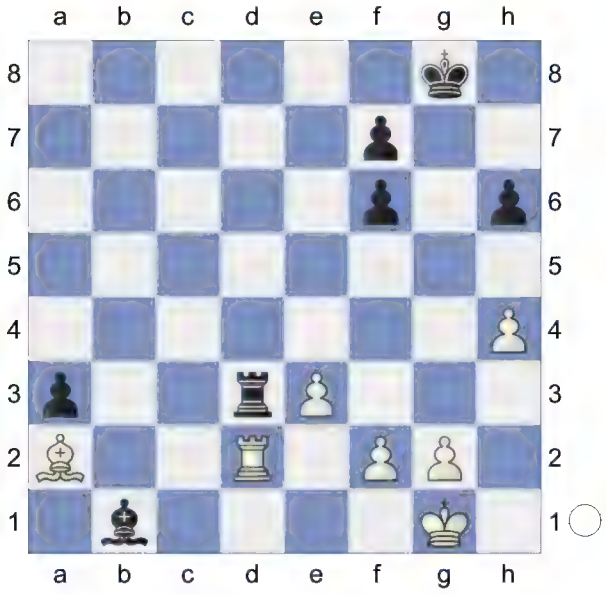
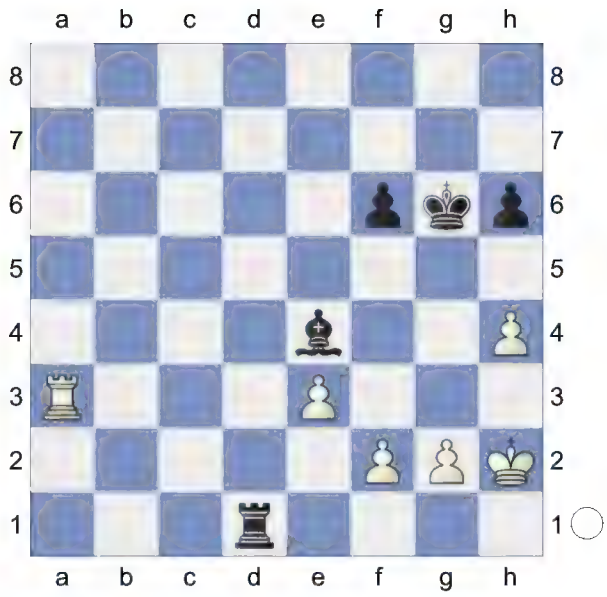


Rd3

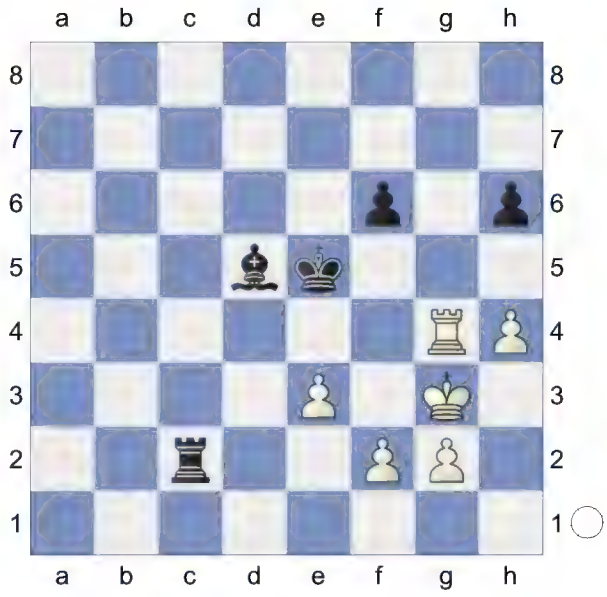


Against Rd8+ **31.Re2 Rd1+ 32.Kh2 Bd3 33.Bxf7+ Kxf7** KRB-KR **34.Ra2 Be4** Hoping for ...Rd3. **35.Rxa3 Kg6**

(Diagram)



36.Ra4 Bd5 37.Rg4+ Kf5 38.Rf4+ Ke5 39.Rg4 Rd2 40.Kg3 Rc2



41.Rg7 Rc8 42.Re7+ Kd6 43.Rg7 Ke6 44.f3 Rc2 -0.68/26

[Black should play 44...Rc3∓ -1.05/24 45.Kf4 h5]

45.Kf4 -1.17/24

[45.h5!∓ -0.68/26 might be stronger.]

45...Bc4

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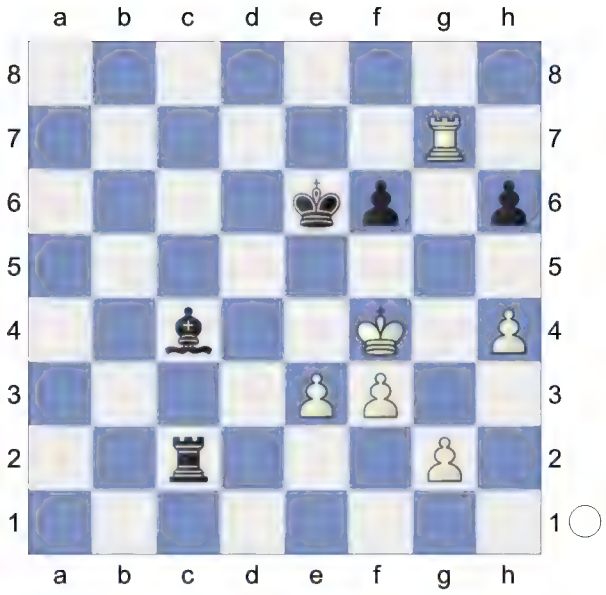
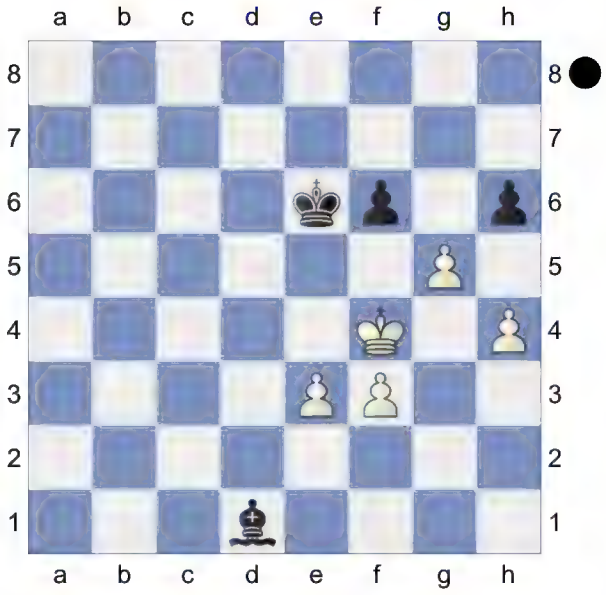


46.Rc7 -1.36/23
[⌓46.g4 -0.98/23]
46...Bd3 47.Rxc2 Bxc2 KB-KP **48.g4 Bd1 49.g5?** -10.11/29
[49.e4∓ -1.20/26]



49...fxg5+!-+ 50.hxg5 KB-K3P **50...h5**

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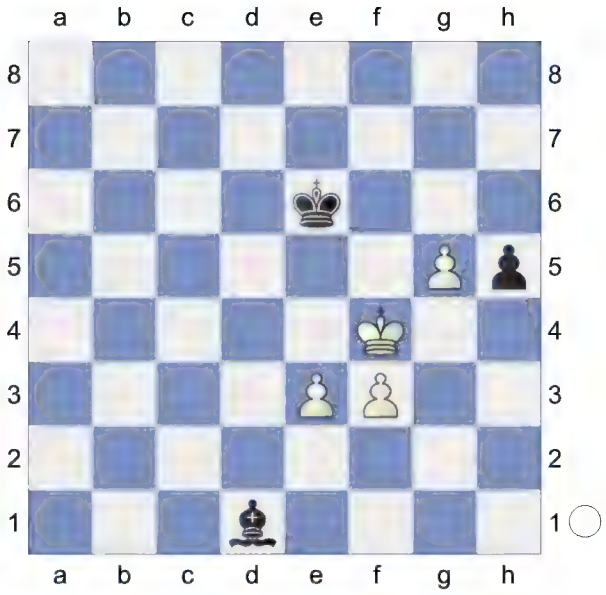
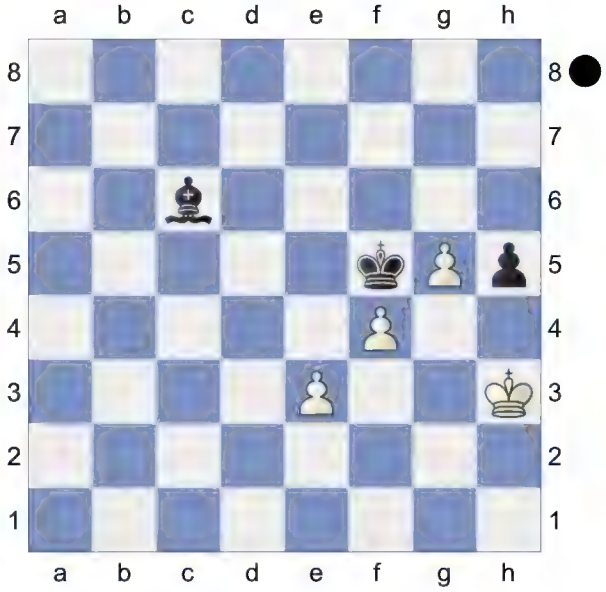


51.Kg3 Kf5 52.f4 Bb3 53.Kf3 Bd5+ 54.Kg3 Bc6 55.Kh3



Be8!

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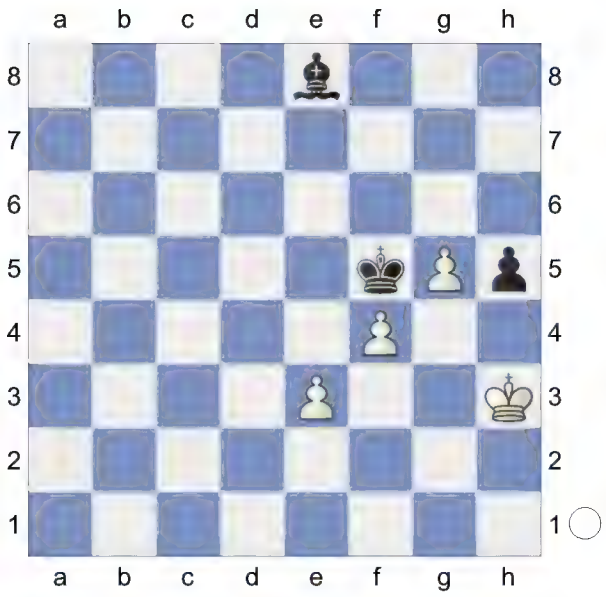
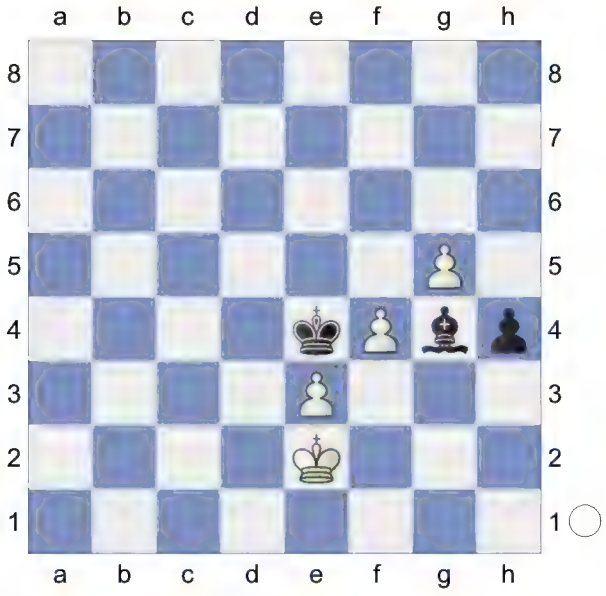


56.Kg3 Ke4 57.Kf2 Bg6 58.Ke2 Bf5 59.Kf2 h4 60.Ke2 Bg4+ -14.08/28

[Weaker is 60...h3 61.Kf2=]

[⌓60...Bg6 -#20/28 61.Kf2 Kf5 62.Kf3 Bh5+ 63.Kf2 Bg6 64.Kf3 Bh5+ 65.Kg2 Kg4 66.Kf1 h3 67.Kf2 Bg6 68.e4 Bxe4 69.Ke3 Bg6 70.f5 Bxf5 71.g6 h2 72.g7 Be6 73.Kd4 Bg8 74.Kc5 h1Q 75.Kb5 Qb7+ 76.Kc5 Kf3 77.Kd6 Qc8 78.Ke7 Qc7+ 79.Ke8 Kg3 80.Kf8 Qf7#]



61.Kf2 Bf5? 0.01/28

[61...Kf5-+ -17.82/28 (→ ...Bh5) 62.Kg2 Kg6]

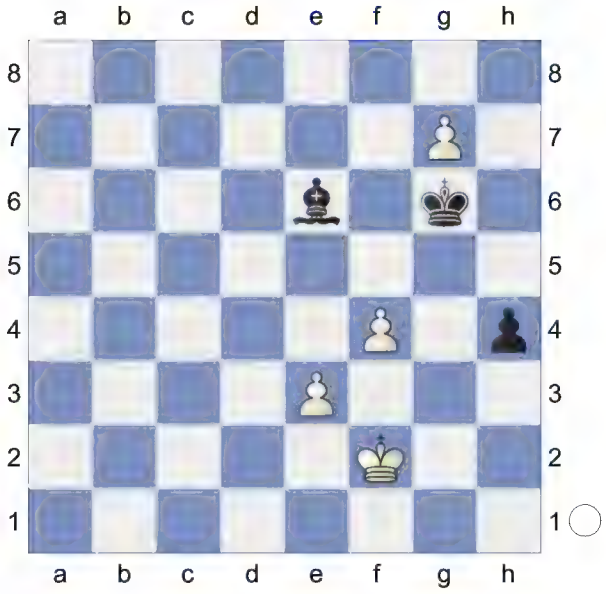
62.Ke2= Bg4+? 0.01/24

[Not 62...h3 63.Kf2=]

[62...Bg6 -#20/27 mates 63.Kf2 Kf5 64.Kf3 Bh5+ 65.Kg2 Kg4 66.f5 Kxf5 67.Kh2 Kxg5 68.Kg1 Bg6 69.Kf1 h3 70.Kf2 Kg4 71.e4 Kf4 72.e5 Bf7 73.e6 Bxe6 74.Kf1 Kf3 75.Ke1 h2 76.Kd2 h1Q 77.Kc3 Qe1+ 78.Kb2 Qd2+ 79.Kb1 Bg8 80.Ka1 Qc1#]

63.Kf2 Be6 64.g6 Kf5 65.g7 Kg6 -#24/28

[65...Kf6-+ -17.34/30 66.e4 Kxg7]



66.Kf3 Kxg7 KB-KPP **67.e4 Bh3 68.f5 Kh7** -13.41/24

[68...Kf6 69.Kf4∓]

[⌓68...Kh6 -#21/28 69.Kf4 Bf1 70.f6 Kg6 71.e5 Be2 72.Ke3 Bg4 73.Kf2 Be6 74.Ke2 Kf5 75.Kf3 Kg5 76.Kg2 Kg4 77.Kf1 h3 78.Kf2 Kf4 79.Kf1 Kg3 80.f7 Bxf7 81.e6 Bxe6 82.Ke2 h2 83.Ke3 h1Q 84.Kd4 Qc6 85.Ke5 Bf7 86.Kd4 Qc1 87.Kd3 Kf3 88.Kd4 Qe3#]

69.Kf4 Kh6 Black mates. **70.f6 Bd7**

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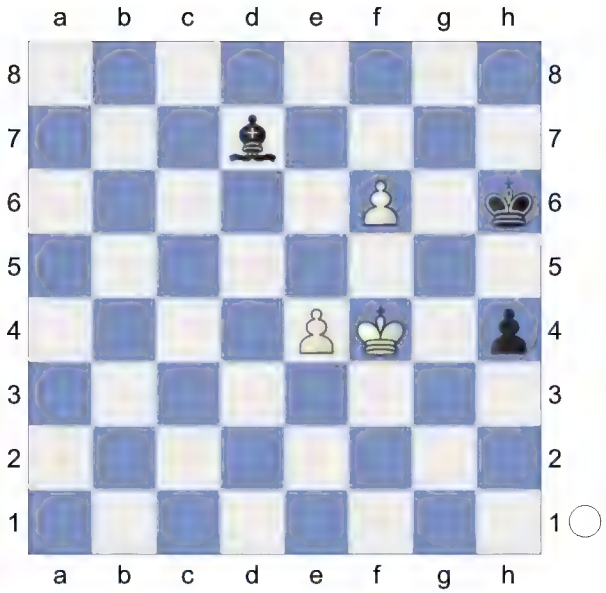
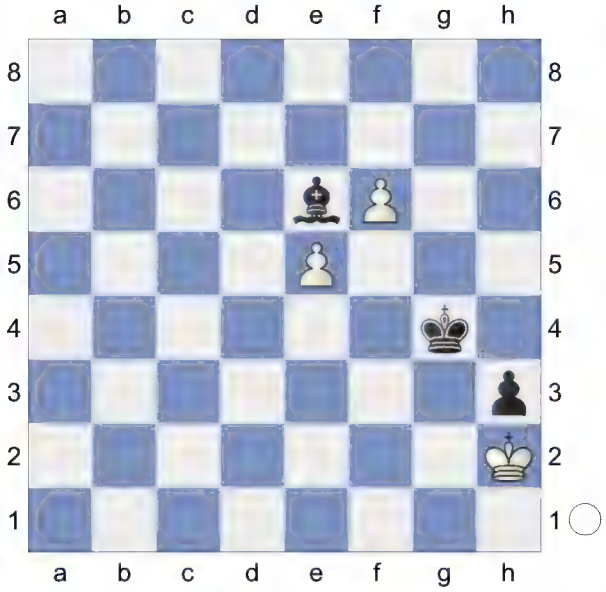


71.e5 Be6 72.Kf3 Kg5 73.Kg2 Kg4 74.Kh2 h3



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8 **B31**

□ **Dronavalli,Harika** **2483**

■ **Tsolakidou,Stavroula** **2445**

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B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qc2 Ng6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ba2 0-0 11.Be3 a6 12.Na4 b5 13.Nc5 Nce5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bd4 d6 17.Nd3 Bb7 Devaux,N (1905)-Auvray,S (2034) Issy les Moulineaux 2011 EXT 2012 [ChessBase II] 0-1]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* Hanke,L (2709)-10.Bc2 c5 11. Nbd2_15267 (2728) corr ICCF 2006 200 Traps In The Opening [CPC 1879 p37; ACJ March 1879] 1-0 (72)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 8.Na3 Be7 9.Nc2 Bg5 1-Siemer,A ICCF email 1975 Telechess CBM 89 [Alvarez,R/Van Kempen] 1-0 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 (30) 8.Na3 Be7 9. Nc2 Bg5 10.Bg5-Siemer,A ICCF email

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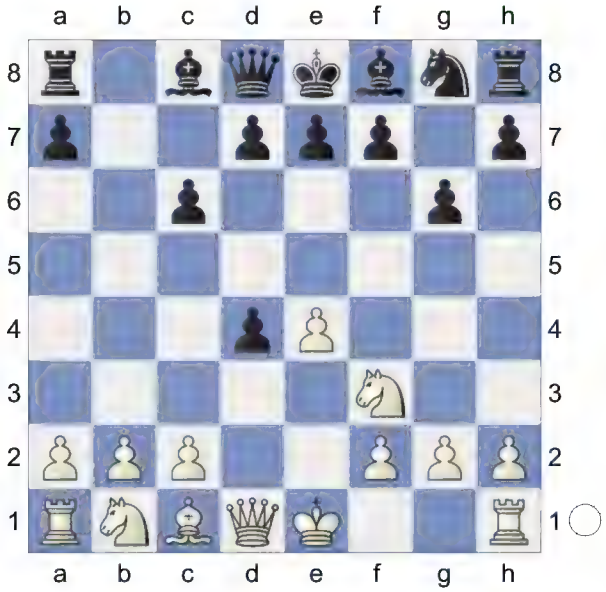
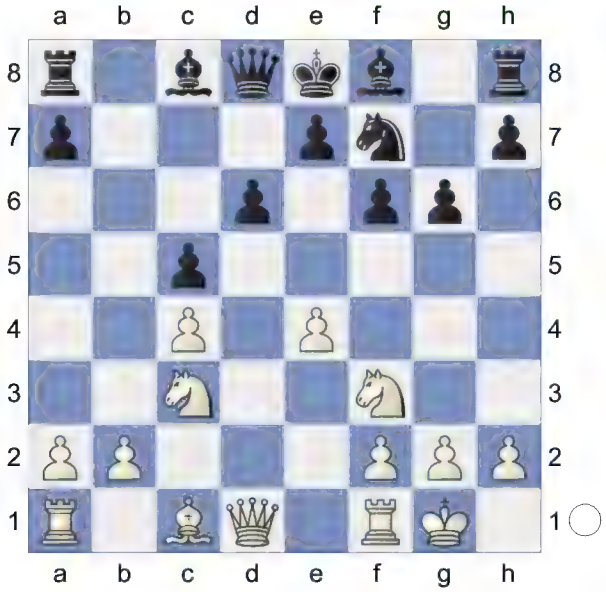
4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.d4 cxd4



6.Qxd4 f6 7.0-0 d6 8.c4 White is slightly better. **8...c5 9.Qd1**

[9.Qd5 is more complex. Rb8 10.a3 Bg7 11.Nc3]

9...Nh6 10.Nc3 Nf7



11.b4 cxb4 12.Qa4+ Bd7 13.Qxb4 a5 14.Qa3 Rc8 15.Be3 Bh6

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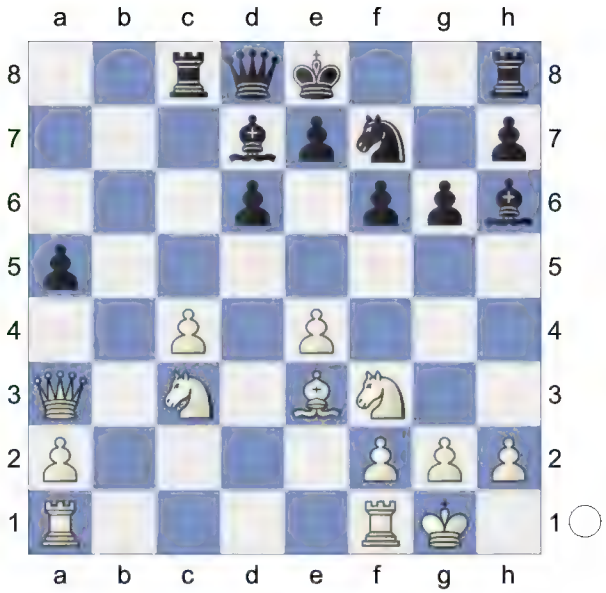
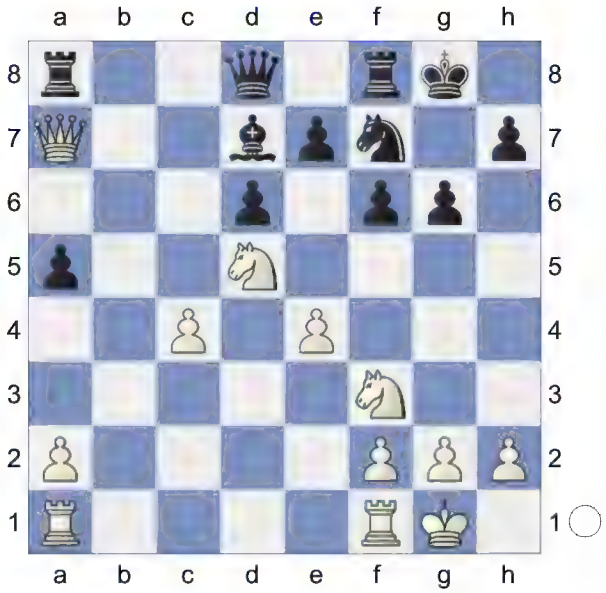


16.Nd5 Bxe3 17.Qxe3 0-0 18.Qa7 Ra8 19.Qd4 Rc8 20.Qa7 0.01/18

[20.Rfc1± 0.52/22]

20...Ra8=



21.Qd4 Rc8! 22.Rab1 Rc5 23.h3 Bc6 24.Rfc1 Qd7 25.Qe3 0.33/22

[25.Qd1 0.68/20 is more appropriate.]

25...Nd8 1.05/21

[25...Ne5± 0.33/22]

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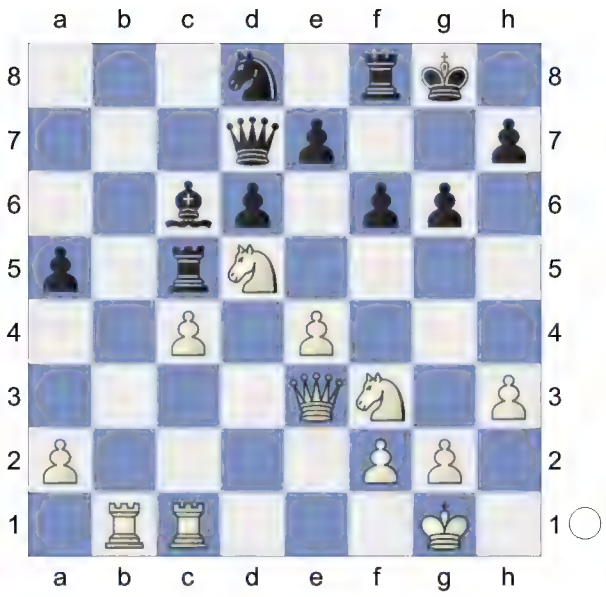


26.Nd4± Pair of Knights! **26...a4** Prevents Nb3. **27.Rb8 Ne6 28.Nb6** 0.49/22 0x0. 001fdbb23cb4dp-1022s more active pieces.

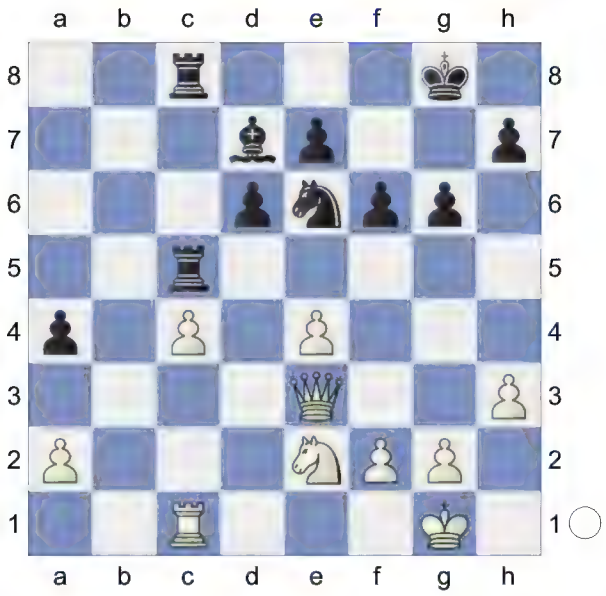
[28.Rxf8+± 0.98/22 Nxf8 29.Rc2 *(29.Nxc6 Rxc6 30.Qd3 Kf7=)*]

28...Rxb8± 29.Nxd7 Bxd7 30.Ne2 0.01/19

[30.f4± 0.94/19]

30...Rbc8 0.63/22

[30...Rb2= 0.01/19]



31.Qd3↑ White has good play. **31...g5**

32.Kh2 Be8 1.12/21

[32...R8c7± 0.31/20]

33.Ng3± Nf4 34.Qe3 0.78/21

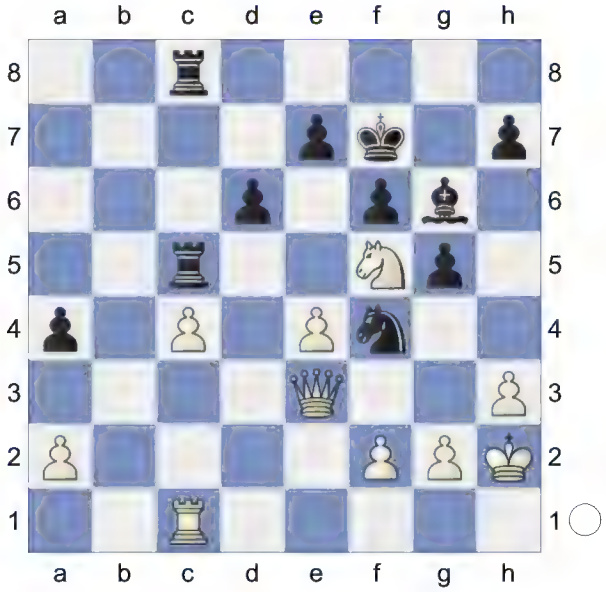
[⌓34.Qd1 1.27/21]

34...Bg6 1.16/21 Prevents Nf5.

[⌓34...Ng6 0.78/21]

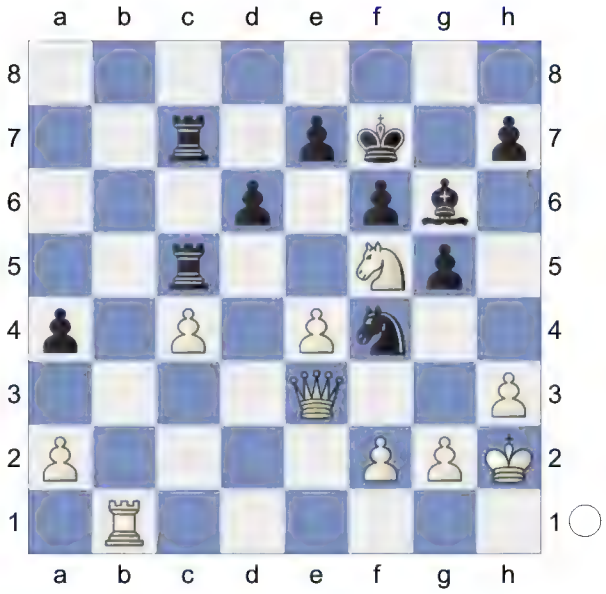
35.Nf5 Kf7 1.65/22

[35...Kf8± 1.27/20]



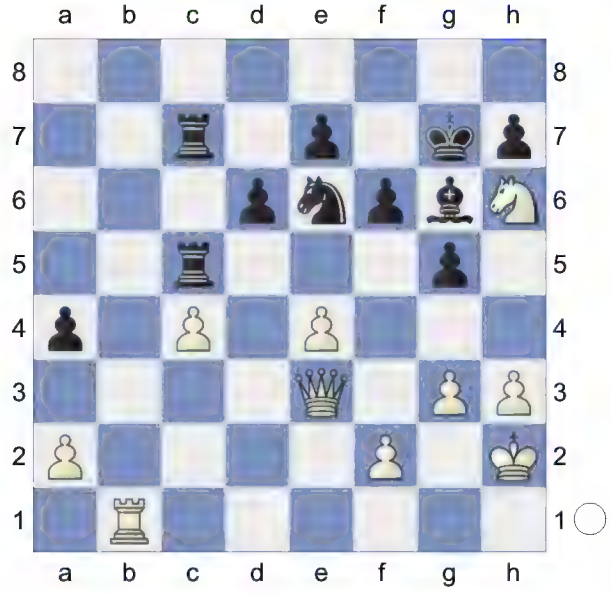
36.Rb1+- R8c7 1.58/23

[⌓36...Re5 1.17/22 37.Qa7 Bxf5 38.exf5 Rxf5]



37.Nh6+? -0.01/25
[White should try 37.Rb8!± 1.58/23]
37...Kg7= 38.Nf5+ Kf7!
[Resist 38...Bxf5 39.exf5 Rxf5 40.Rb5±]
39.g3 0.52/23
[39.Rb8+- 1.62/22]
39...Ne6± 40.Nh6+ Kg7

41.Nf5+ Kf7 42.Nh6+ 0.01/20
[Better is 42.Rb4± 0.60/23]
42...Kg7



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9 **C11**
□ **Muzychuk,Mariya** **2490**
■ **Divya,Deshmukh** **2470**
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[Kitty Kat]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5**

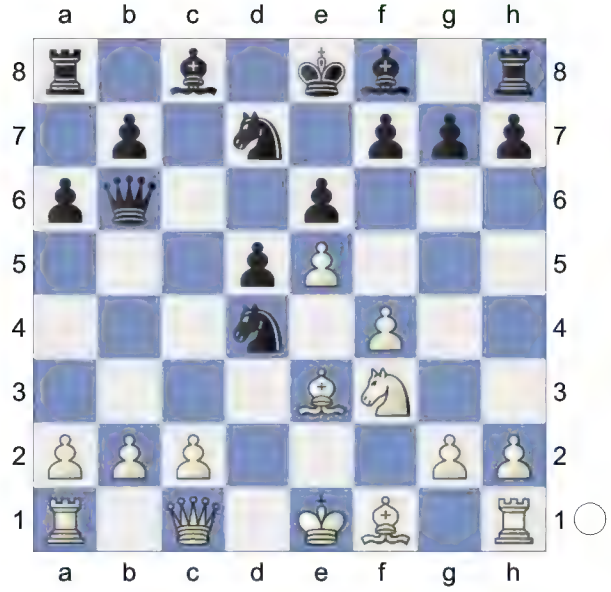
6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 a6 8.Ne2 Qb6 9.Qc1 cxd4N
[9...Be7 10.c3 0-0 11.h4 f6 12.h5 h6 13.Rh3 Qa5 *(13...Rf7 14.Qc2 cxd4 15.Bxd4 Qc7 16.exf6 Nxd4 17.Nexd4 Rxf6 18.f5 Nc5 19.Nh4 Rf7 20.Ndf3 e5 21.g4 e4 22.Nd4 Qf4 23.Ng6 Qxg4 24.Qh2 Nd3+ 25.Bxd3 exd3 26.Re3 d2+ 27.Qxd2 Bh4+ 28.Nxh4* Ivic,V (2599)-Di Berardino,D (2472) Budapest 2024 ½-½ (65)) 14.Kf2 cxd4 15.cxd4 fxe5 16.fxe5 Ndxe5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Kg1 Ng4 19.Rg3 e5 20.Rxg4

Bxg4 21.Nxe5 Bxh5 22.Nf4 Rac8 23.Qe1 Qxe1 24.Rxe1 Aronian,L (2781)-Bluebaum,M (2670) chess24.com (Internet-rapid) 2021 Chess Informant 149 [Perunovic,Milos] 0-1 (79)]

[9...g5 10.c3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bb4+ 12.Kf2 f6 13.g3 Rf8 14.Kg2 g4 15.Nh4 Rg8 16.h3 h5 17.hxg4 hxg4 18.Nc3 fxe5 19.fxe5 Ncxe5 20.dxe5 d4 21.Na4 Qa5 22.Qc4 Nxe5 23.Qxd4 Nf3 24.Nxf3 11...Qc7 12.Nbd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2783)-Sethuraman,S (2741) Argentina 2007 Telechess CBM 89 [FS 12/1979 p311] (48)]

[9...f6 10.c3 Be7 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Bxc5 Qxc5 14.Ned4 0-0 15.Be2 Bd7 16.0-0 Rae8 17.Qe3 Ng4 18.Qd2 e5 19.fxe5 Ngxe5 20.Nxe5 Nxe5 21.Rxf8+ Rxf8 22.Re1 Nc4 23.Bxc4 dxc4 24.Re3 So,W (2792)-Bluebaum,M (2633) Tbilisi 2017 Chess Informant 149 [Arsovic,Goran] ½-½ (46)]

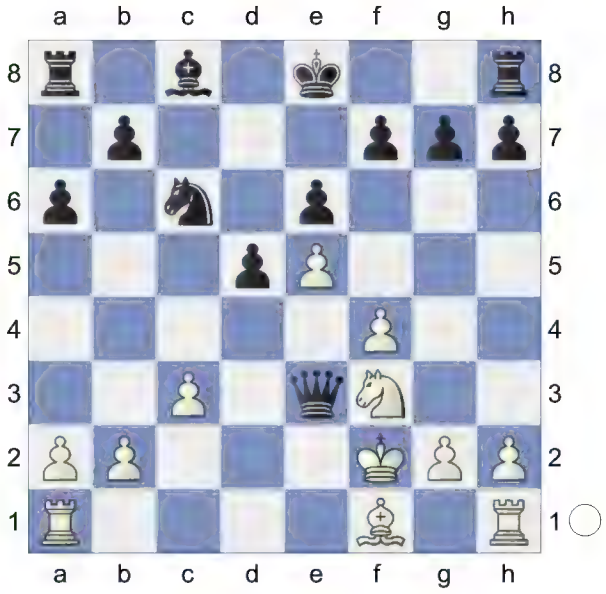
10.Nexd4 Nxd4



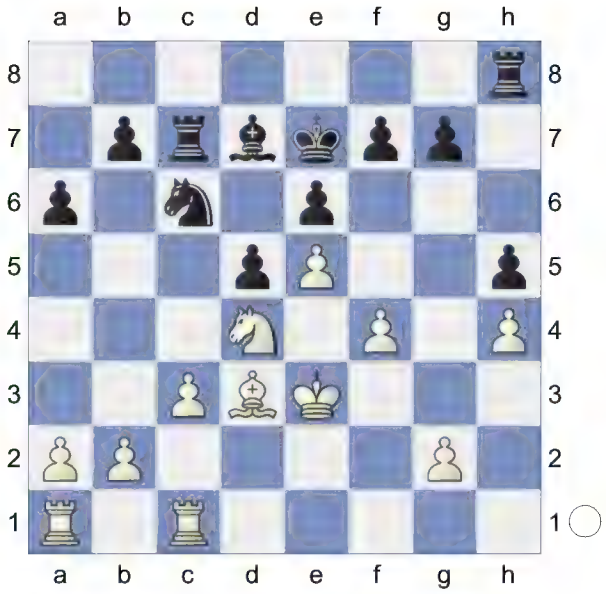
11.Bxd4 Bc5 12.c3 Nb8 13.Kf2 0.19/19

[13.Bxc5± 0.50/19 Qxc5 14.Qd2]

13...Nc6 14.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 15.Qe3 Qxe3+



16.Kxe3 h5 17.Bd3 Bd7 18.Nd4 Rc8 19.h4 Ke7 20.Rhc1 Rc7



21.Rc2 Rhc8 22.Rac1 Nxd4

[22...Be8 with more complications. 23.b3 g6 24.Kd2 Kf8]

23.cxd4 Rxc2 24.Rxc2 Rxc2 25.Bxc2= Endgame KB-KB **25...g6**

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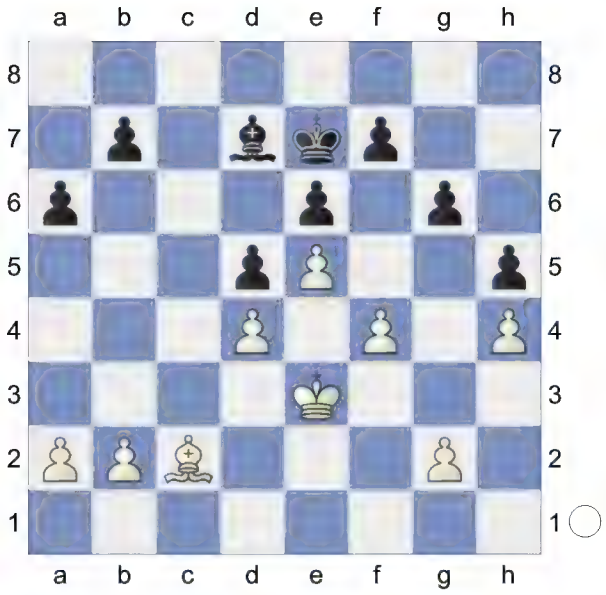
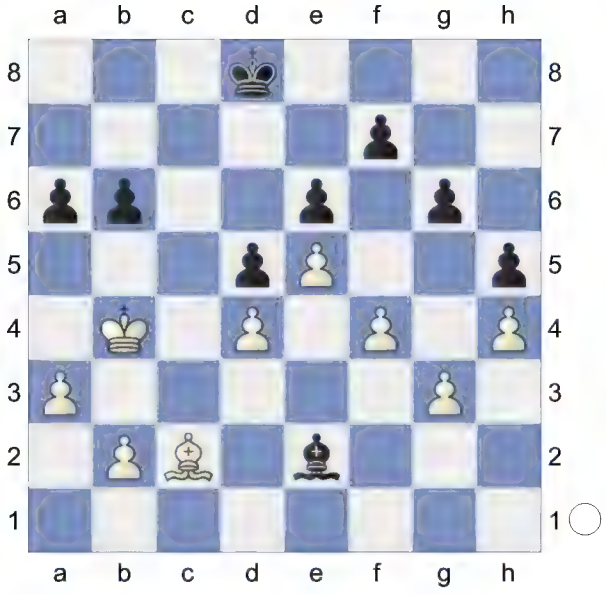


26.Kd2 0.07/27
[26.a4± 0.38/24]
26...Bb5 The position is equal. **27.Kc3** With the idea Kb4. **27...Bf1 28.g3 b6 29.Kb4 Be2 30.a3 Kd8**



31.Ba4 Ke7 32.Bc6 Kd8 33.Kc3 Bf1 34.Ba4 Bh3 35.Bd1 Bg4

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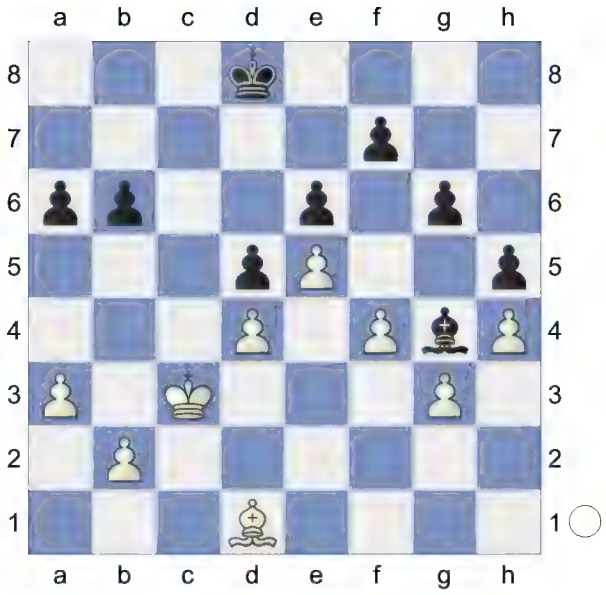
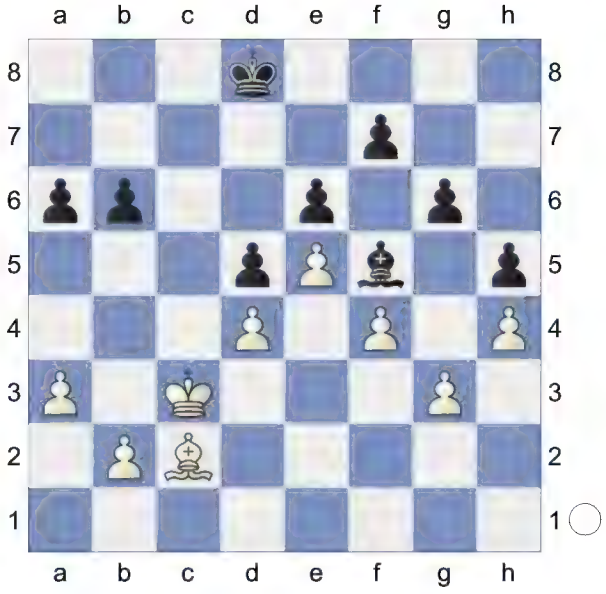


36.Bc2 Bf5 37.Bd1 Bg4 38.Bc2 Bf5 39.Bd1 Bg4 40.Bc2 Bf5



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10 **B40**
□ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2548**
■ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2516**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (2.5) 16.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

B40: Sicilian: 2...e6, Unusual lines **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4**
[4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 a6 *(5...Nc6 6.Bc4 a6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Ng6 11.Nd5 d6 12.Ne3 Be7 13.Re1 Kf8 14.h3 h5 15.a3 b5 16.Bb3 Bb7 17.Qd2 Nge5 18.Nxe5 dxe5 19.Qc3 Qd4 20.Rad1* Fabra,N (1932)-Ahmed,W (1936) Budapest 2024 0-1 (50)*)* 6.Bc4 d6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Qe2 b5 9.Bb3 Ra7 10.Bf4 Rd7 11.Rac1 Bb7 12.Rfd1 Nf6 13.e5 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 dxe5 15.Bxe5 0-0 16.Qh3 Qb6 17.Bc2 g6 18.Qh4 Rxd1+ Giffard,N (2345)-Goldenberg,R (2325) Belfort 1983 EXT 2016 [Primel,Dominique] 1-0 (75)]
4...Nf6 5.Bd3 Nc6N
[5...d6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 Nbd7 8.Nc3 a6 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Rc1 b6 11.f3 Bb7 12.Qe1 0-0 13.Qf2 Rac8 14.Rfd1 Qb8 15.Bf1 Bd8 16.b3 Bc7 17.Qh4 Ne5 18.Bg5 Bd8 19.Qh3 Nc6 20.Nxc6 Chapter 1-21-Game 4 Game 4 (33)]

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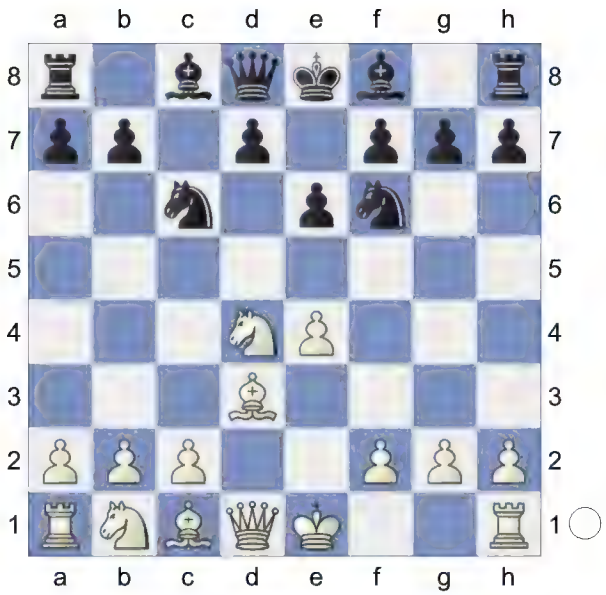
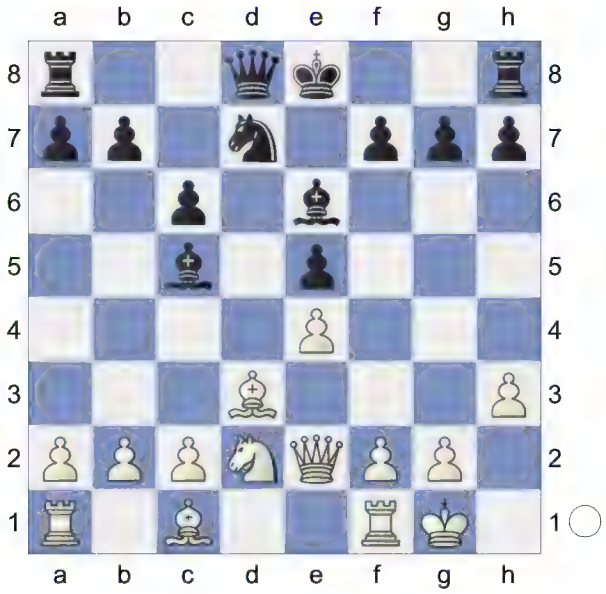


6.Nxc6 dxc6 7.0-0 e5 8.Nd2 Be6 9.Qe2 Nd7 0.42/18
[9...Bc5= 0.11/16]
10.h3 Bc5



11.Nf3 h6 12.a4 0-0 13.Bd2 a5 14.Bc4 Qe7 15.Rad1 Rfd8

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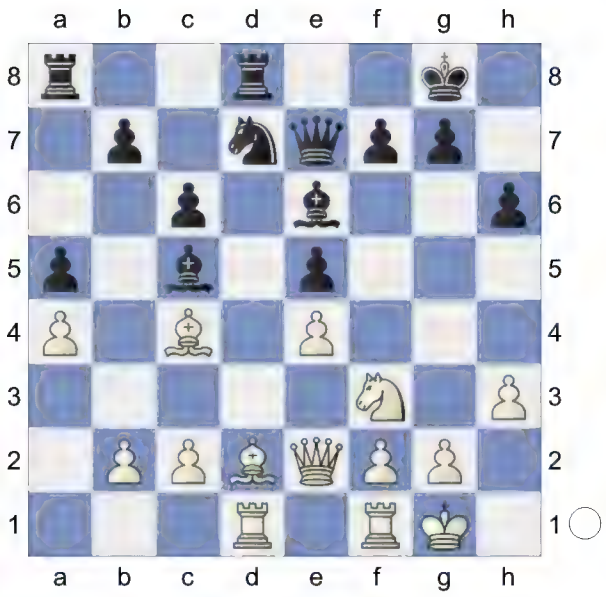
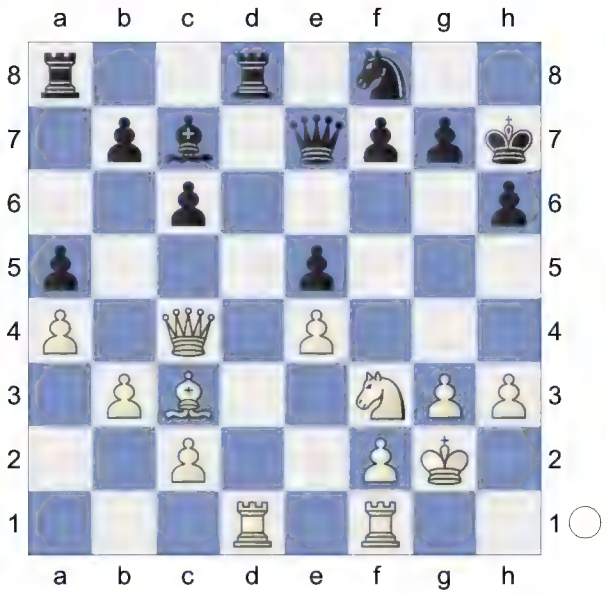
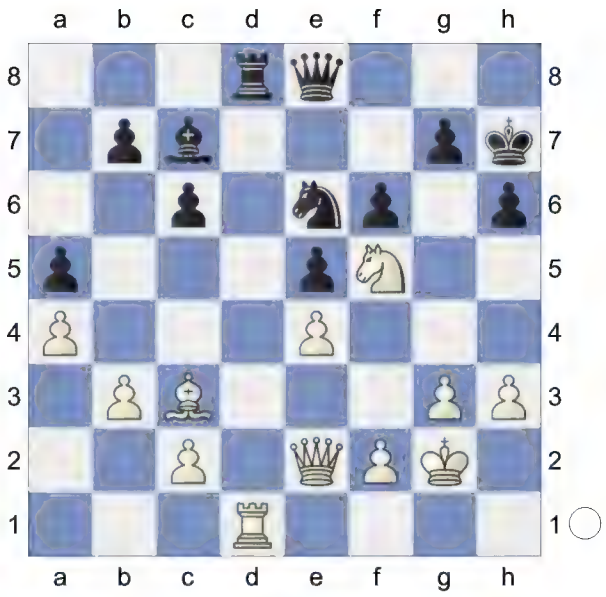


16.b3 Bxc4 17.Qxc4 Nf8 18.Bc3 Bd6 19.g3 Bc7 20.Kg2 Kh7

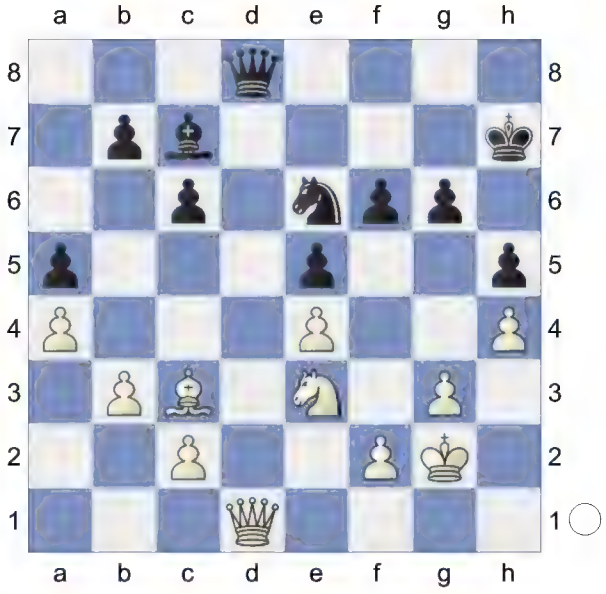


21.Rfe1 f6 22.Nh4 Ne6 23.Nf5 Qe8 24.Qe2 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Rd8

(Diagram)



26.Rxd8 Qxd8 27.Qg4 Hoping for Nxh6! **27...Qe8 28.h4 h5 29.Qd1 g6 30.Ne3 Qd8**



31.Qxd8 Bxd8= Endgame KBN-KBN **32.Nc4** The position is equal. **32...b6 33.Kf1 Bc7 34.Ke2 Nc5 35.Ke3 Kg7**

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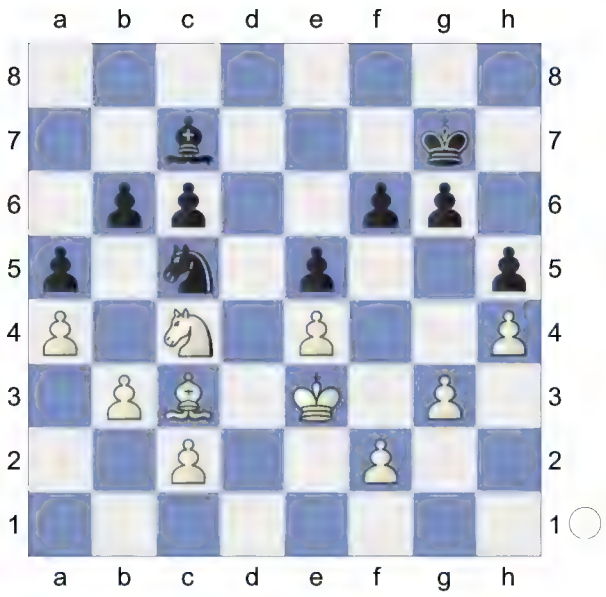
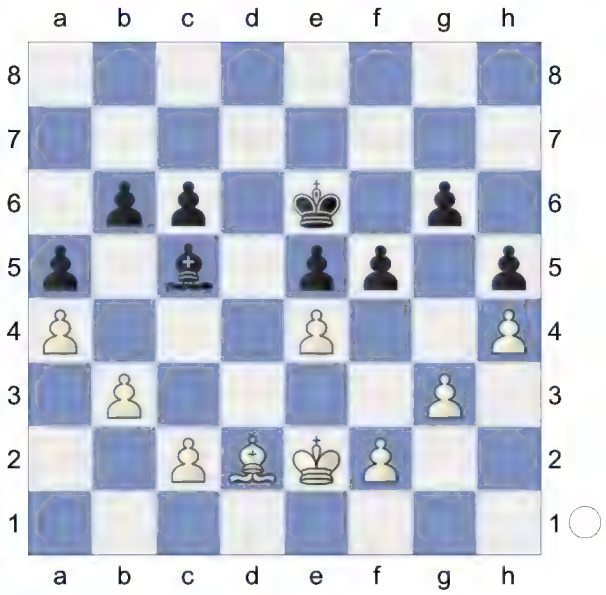


36.Nb2 Kf7 37.Nd3 Bd6 38.Nxc5 Bxc5+ KB-KB **39.Ke2 Ke6 40.Bd2 f5**



41.f3 Bg1 42.Kf1 Bc5 43.Ke2 Bg1

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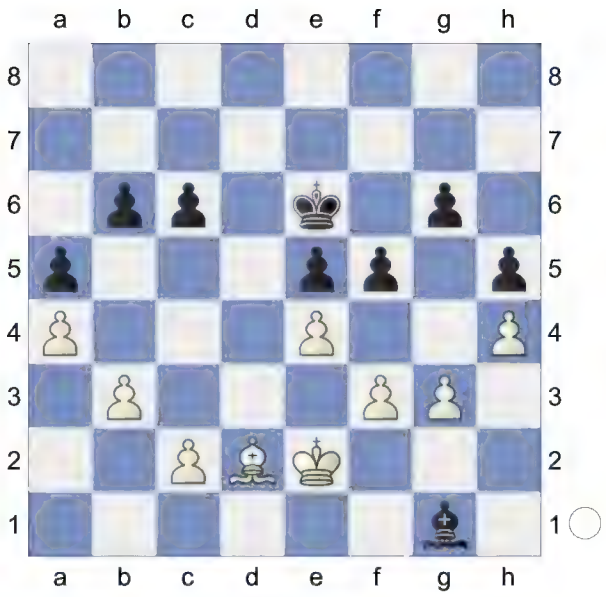

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11	**B28**
□ **Muzychuk,Anna**	**2516**
■ **Dzagnidze,Nana**	**2513**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (3.1)	17.03.2025

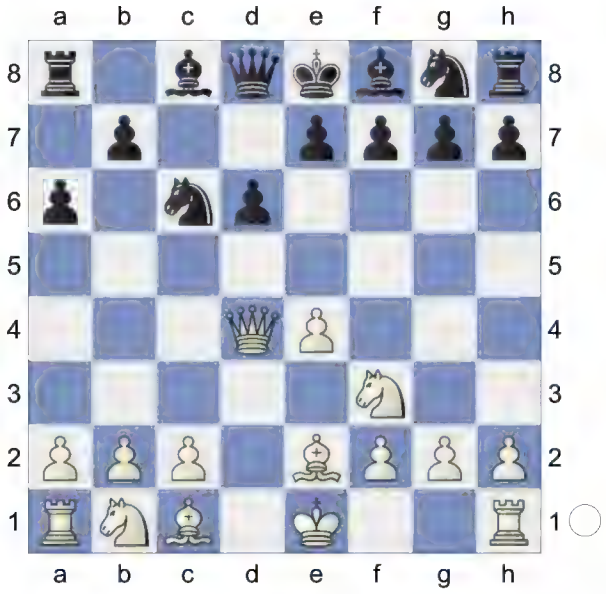
[Kitty Kat]

B28: Sicilian: 2 Nf3 a6 (O'Kelly Variation)
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 a6 3.Be2N
[3.c3 d6 *(3...d5 4.exd5 Nf6 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nxd5 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.Bc4 Be6 9.Bb3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bxb3 11.Qxb3 Qd7 12.d5 Na5 13.Qb4 Qxd5 14.0-0 e6 15.Qg4 h5 16.Qg3 Bd6 17.Bf4 Bxf4 18.Qxf4* Zarnicki,P (2514)-Barp,A (2432) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (60)*)* 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bd3 cxd4 6.cxd4 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.h3 0-0 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.Be3
A) 10...b5 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.d5 Na5 *(12...Nb8 13.Nd4 Nbd7 14.Nc6 Bxc6 15.dxc6 Ne5 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Nxd3 18.Qxd3* #3

3. The O'Kelly Sicilian-O'Kelly 4.d4 cxd4) 13.b4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.Nd2 Rc8 16.Qe2 e6 17.Nxc4 exd5 18.Na5 Ba8 19.Qxa6 dxe4 20.Rfd1 #4 3. The O'Kelly Sicilian-O'Kelly 4.d4 cxd4;

B) 10...e5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Rc1 Be6 13.Ng5 Nd4 14.Nxe6 Nxe6 15.Bc4 Nd4 16.Bd5 Qb6 17.f4 Nxd5 Akopian, V (2693)-Izoria,Z (2607) Moscow 2005 CBM 106 [Ribli,Zoltan] 1-0 (47)]

3...d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6



6.Qe3 g6 7.c4 Bg4 8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...Rc8 9.Rd1 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Bh6**

(Diagram)

11.Qc3 Ne5 12.Bxh6! Nxh6 13.Qe3 0.23/22

[13.Be2± 0.64/20]

13...Nhg4 14.Bxg4 Nxg4 15.Qd4 0-0

16.Nc3

[16.b3 is interesting. b5 17.cxb5 axb5 18.Nc3]

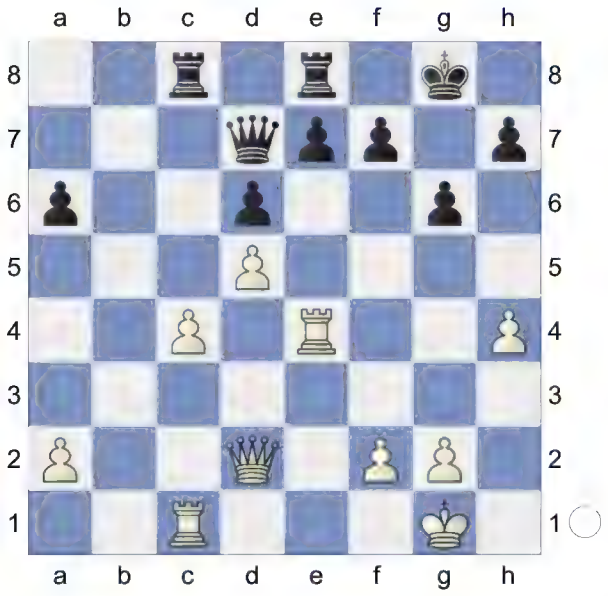
16...Nf6 17.Rac1 Qa5 18.b3 Qc5 19.Qd2 Rfd8 0.50/21

[19...Qb4= 0.18/17]

20.Nd5± Nxd5

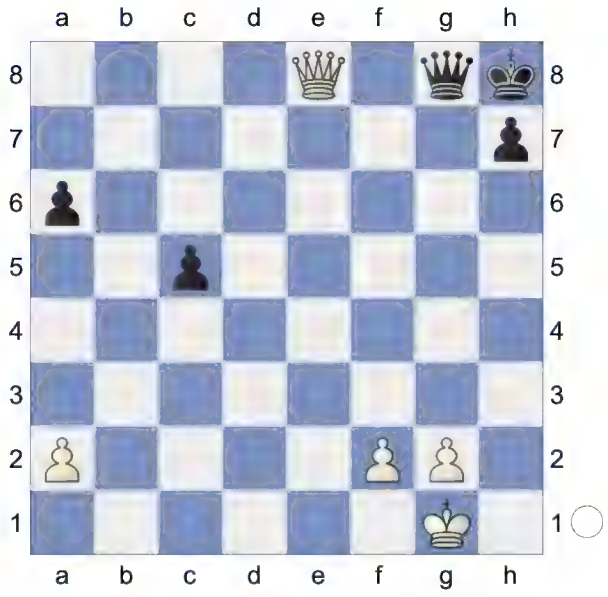
(Diagram)

21.exd5
[21.Qxd5 Qb4=]
21...b5 22.Re1 Qa7 23.Re4 bxc4 24.bxc4
[24.Rexc4 Rc5=]
[24.Rcxc4 Qb7=]
24...Re8 25.h4 &Bianco is more active.
25...Qd7



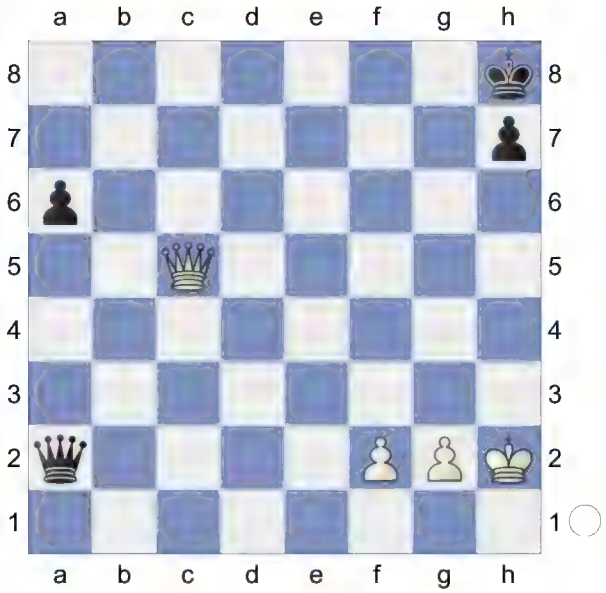
26.Rce1! e5 27.dxe6! Rxe6 28.Rxe6 fxe6± Endgame KQR-KQR **29.h5 gxh5** 1.36/21
[⌓29...Rxc4 0.81/20 30.hxg6 hxg6]
30.Qg5+ Qg7

31.Qxh5 e5 32.c5 0.70/21
[32.Re3± 1.42/21 Kh8 33.Rd3]
32...dxc5 2.00/25
[32...Rxc5± 0.70/21 33.Re3 Rc1+ 34.Kh2 Qe7]
33.Rxe5+-
[And not 33.Qxe5 Qxe5 34.Rxe5 c4=]
33...Kh8 34.Re8+ Rxe8 35.Qxe8+ KQ-KQ **35...Qg8**

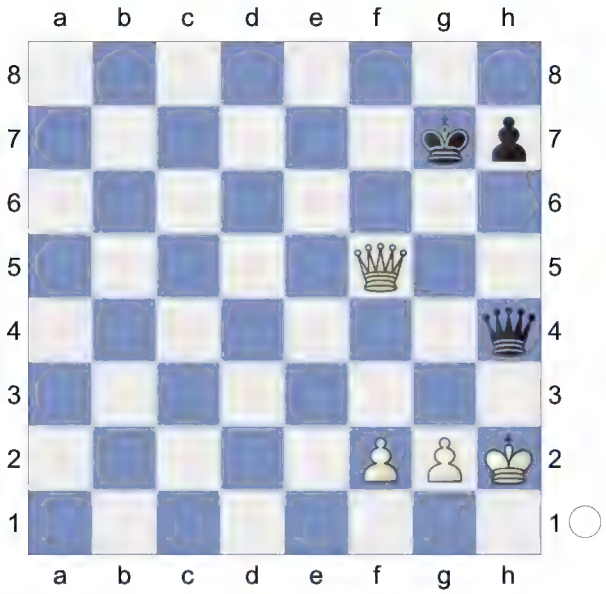


36.Qe5+ 1.27/5
[36.Qxg8++- 3.87/30 is more deadly. Kxg8 37.Kf1]

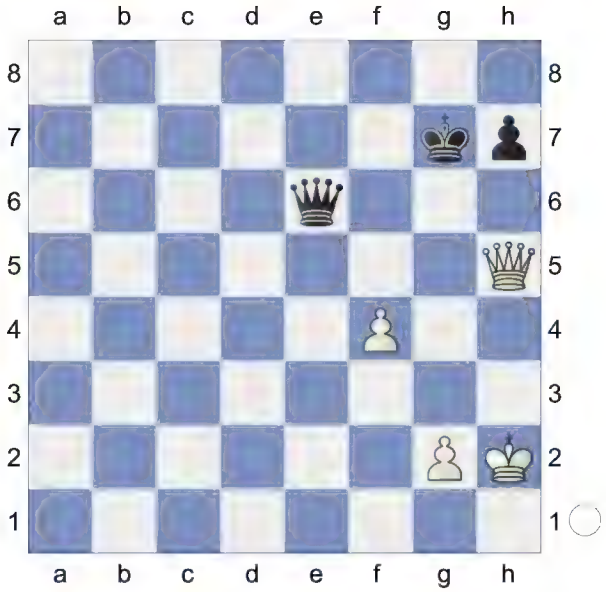
36...Qg7± 37.Qe8+ 0.01/5
[Don't play 37.Qxc5 Qa1+ 38.Kh2 Qf6 39.Qc8+ Kg7]
[37.Qb8++- 1.70/25 Qg8 38.Qe5+ Qg7 39.Qxc5]
37...Qg8= 38.Qe5+ 0.01/5
[38.Qe7± 0.53/22]
38...Qg7 39.Qxc5 Qa1+ 40.Kh2 Qxa2



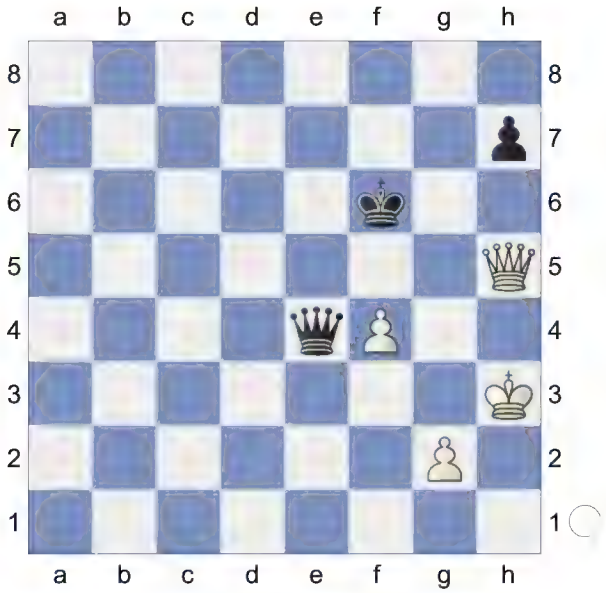
41.Qf8+ Qg8 42.Qf6+ Qg7 43.Qxa6 Qd4 44.Qc8+ Kg7 45.Qf5 Qh4+



46.Kg1 Qc4 47.Qg5+ Kf7 48.Kh2 Qa6 49.f4 0.95/26
[⌓49.Qf4+ 1.41/19 Kg7 50.Qe5+ Kg8 51.Qe4]
49...Qe6± 50.Qh5+ Kg7



51.Qh3 Qe4 52.Qg4+ Kf7 53.Kh3 Kf6 54.Qg5+ Kf7 55.Qh5+ Kf6



56.Qh6+ Kf7 57.Qg5 Qe3+ 58.Qg3 Qe6+ 59.Qg4 aiming for Qxe6+.
59...Qd5 60.Kh4 Kf8

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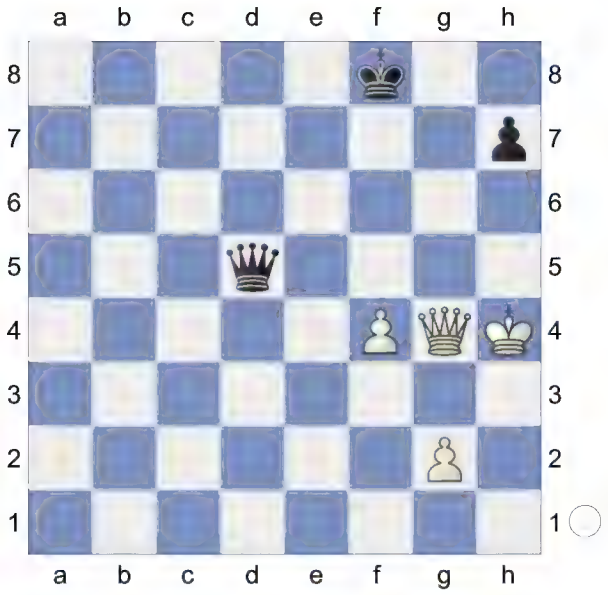
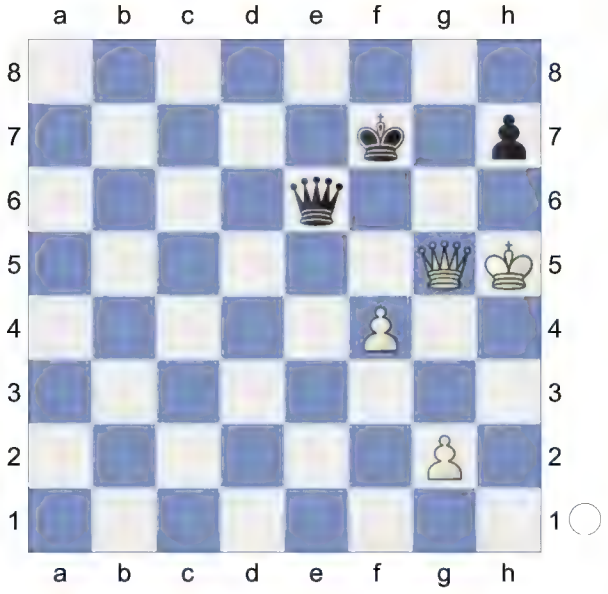
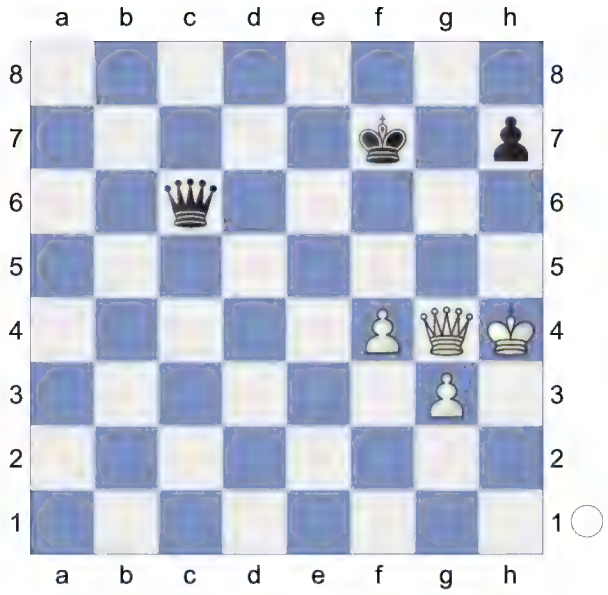


61.Qg5 Qc6 62.Kh5 Intending Qh6+ and mate. **62...Kf7 63.Qf5+ Kg7 64.Qg4+ Kf7 65.Qg5 Qe6**

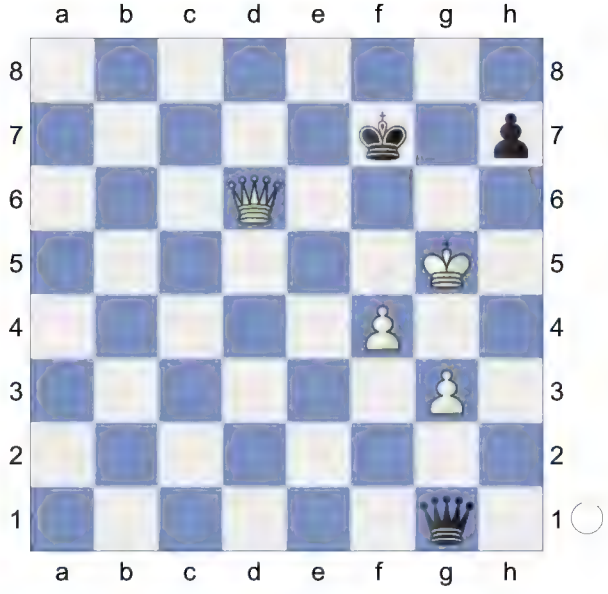


66.Kh4 And now Qh5+ would win.
66...Qc6 67.Qf5+ Kg7 68.g3 0.70/25
[68.Qe5+± 1.16/22 Kf7 69.Qf5+ Kg7 70.Kh3]
68...Qh1+± 69.Qh3 Qc6 70.Qg4+ Kf7

(Diagram)



71.Qf5+ Kg7 72.Kg4 Qc1 73.Qd7+ Kf6 74.Qd6+
[74.Qxh7 gets mated. Qd1+ 75.Kh4 Qh1+ 76.Kg4 Qxh7 77.Kf3 Qd3+ 78.Kf2 Kf5 79.Kg2 Qe2+ 80.Kg1 Kg4 81.f5 Kxg3 82.Kh1 Qh2#]
74...Kf7 75.Kg5 Qg1



76.Qd7+ Kg8 77.Qe8+ Kg7 78.Qe7+ Kg8 79.g4 Qh2 80.Qe6+ Kg7

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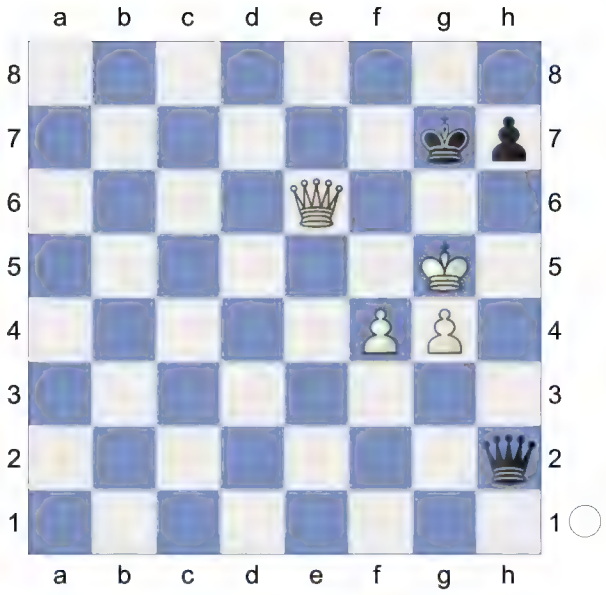
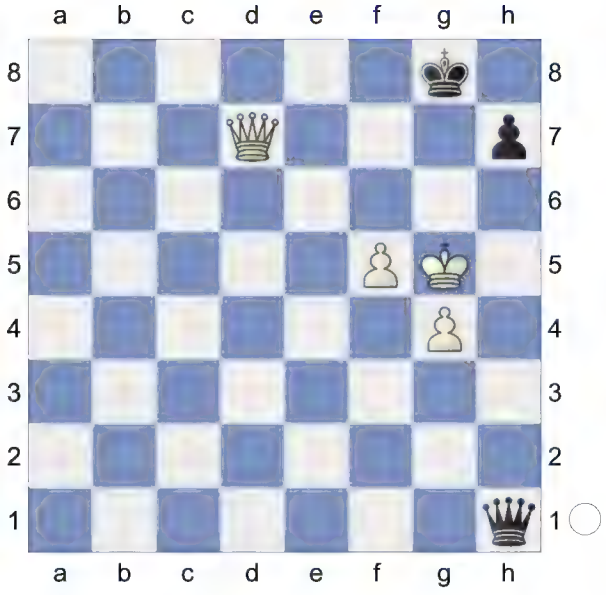


81.Qe5+ Kg8 82.Qd5+ Kg7 83.Qd7+ Kg8 84.f5 White wants to mate with Qe8+. **84...Qh1?** #2/6

[84...Qf2± 1.21/29]



85.Qe8+ Kg7

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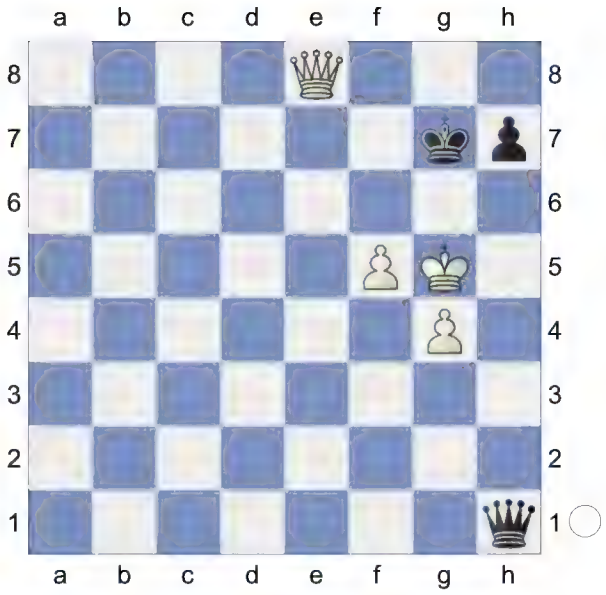

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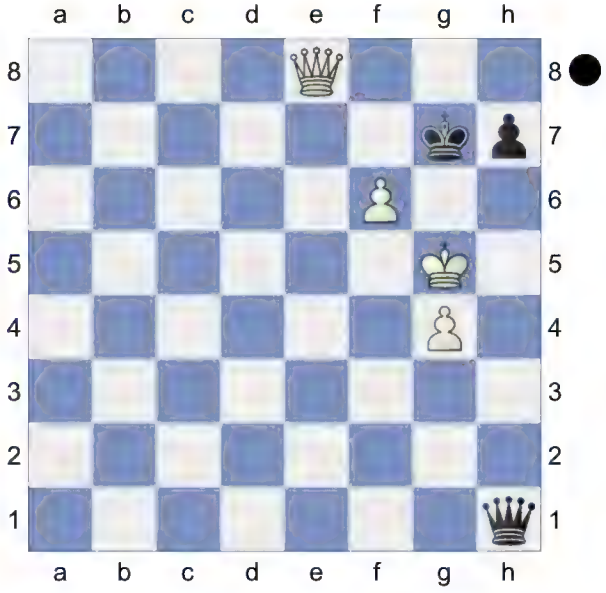

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12 **D43**
□ **Tsolakidou,Stavroula** **2445**
■ **Muzychuk,Mariya** **2490**
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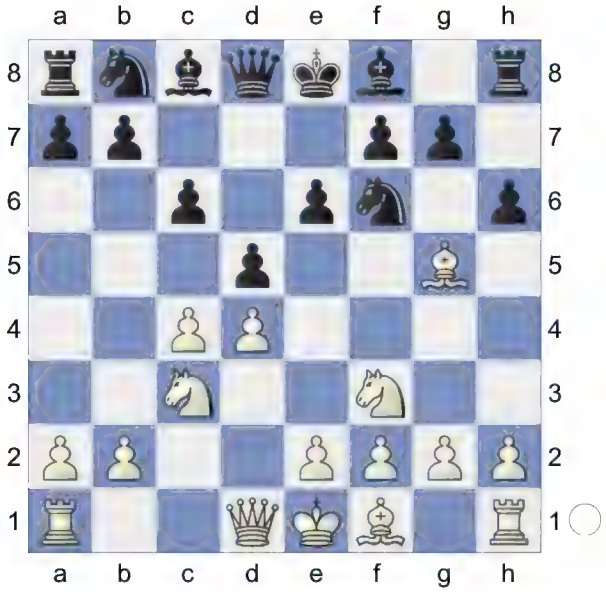
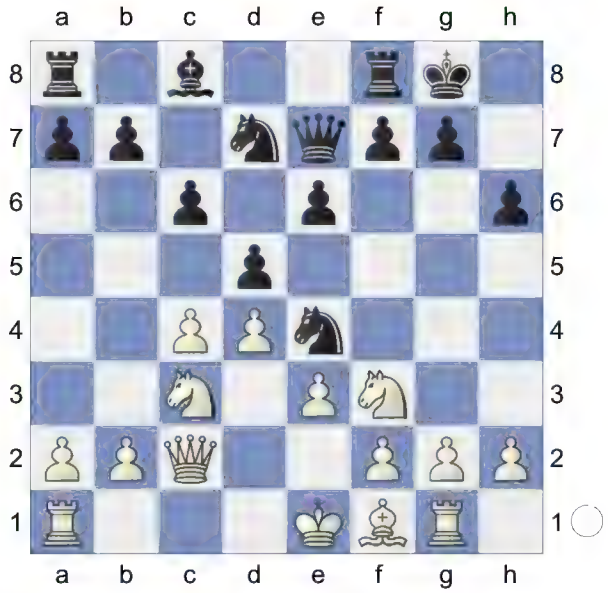
[Kitty Kat]

D61: Queen's Gambit Declined: Classical: 7 Qc2 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 h6**



6.Bh4 Be7
[6...dxc4 7.e4 b5 8.e5 g5 9.Nxg5 hxg5 10.Bxg5 Nbd7 11.g3 Bb7 12.Bg2 Qb6 13.exf6 0-0-0 14.0-0 c5 15.d5 b4 16.Na4 Qa6 17.a3 Bxd5 18.Bxd5 Ne5 19.axb4 Rxd5 20.Qe2 cxb4 21.Nc3 Kennaugh,C (2666)-13.Rad1 Qb6 14.b3_22709 (2675) Mexico City 2011 CBM 89 [Reppmann (Re) und Rümmele (Rü)] 1-0 (43)]
7.e3 Nbd7 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Rg1N -0.22/17
[⌓9.Bd3 0.17/18]
[9.cxd5 exd5 10.Bd3 Re8 11.Bg3 *(11.0-0 Ne4 12.Bxe4 Bxh4 13.Bh7+ Kh8 14.Bd3 Be7 15.Rae1 Bd6 16.e4 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Bb4 18.Re3 Nb6 19.a3 Be7 20.Ng3 Nd5 21.Ne5 Be6 22.Rf3 Bf6 23.Qe2 Bxe5 24.dxe5 Qh4 25.Nf5 Bxf5* Salem,A (2638)-Samunenkov,I (2535) Biel 2024 CBM 221 [Samunenkov, Igor] 1-0 (57)) 11...Nf8 12.h3 Bd6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.0-0 Ne6 15.Rab1 Ng5 16.Ne5 c5 17.Rbc1 a6 18.f4 Ne6 19.dxc5 Qxc5 20.Qf2 d4 21.exd4 Qxd4 22.Bc4 Qxf2+ 23.Rxf2 Nd8 Roiz,M (2544)-Kundin,A (2424) Israel 2004 CBM 101 [Roiz, Michael] 1-0 (69) 24.Rd1 Be6 25.Be2 Rc8 26.Bf3 Kf8 27.g4 Rc7 28.Rfd2 Nc6 29.Nxc6 bxc6 30.Kf2 Nd5 31.Nxd5 Bxd5 32.Bxd5 cxd5 33.Rxd5 Rc2+ 34.R5d2 Rec8 35.Ke3 Re8+ 36.Kf3 Rec8 37.Rd8+ Rxd8 38.Rxd8+ Ke7 Seryshev,V (2544)-Larsen,F (2424) Badalona 2004 CBM 211 [Pierce book p30-31] 1-0 (69)]
9...Ne4 10.Bxe7 Qxe7



11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Qxe4 Qb4+ 13.Nd2 Qxb2 14.Rb1 Qc3 15.g4 e5

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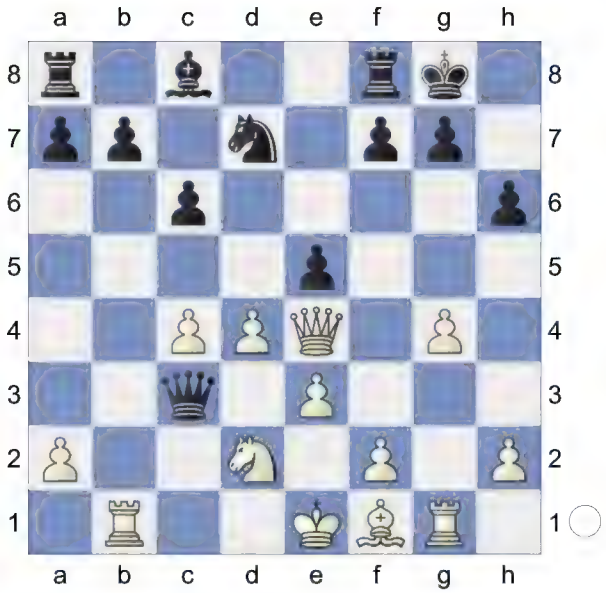
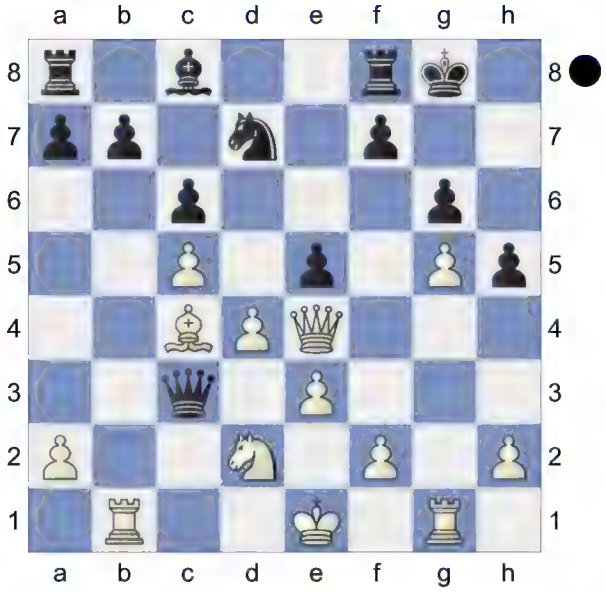
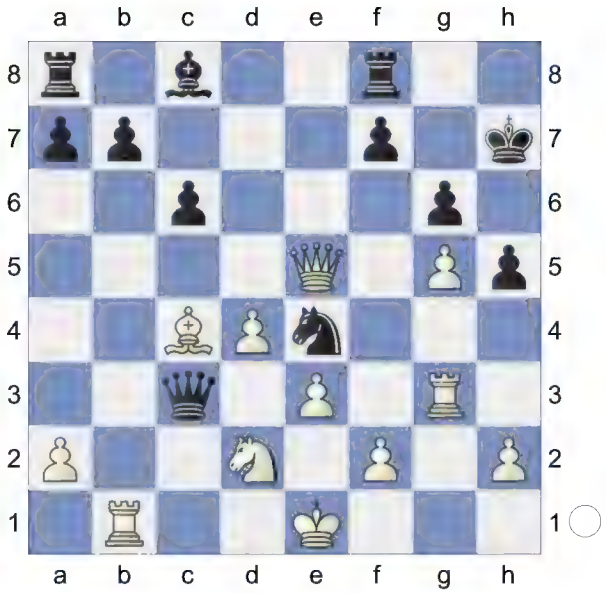


16.g5 Against Nf6. The position is equal. **16...h5** 0.21/20
[⌓16...hxg5 -0.11/21 17.Rxg5 exd4]
17.c5!= White wants to play Bc4. **17...g6 18.Bc4**

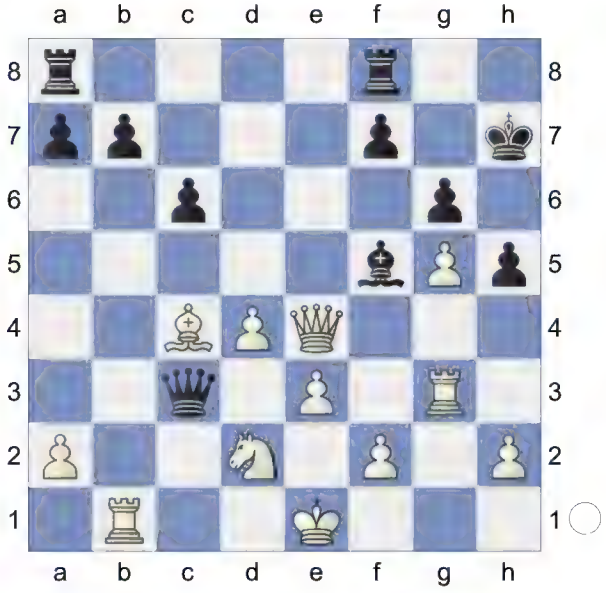


Threatening mate with Qxg6+. **18...Kh7 19.Rg3 Nxc5! 20.Qxe5**
[Not 20.dxc5? Bf5 21.Qf3 Bxb1-+]
20...Ne4

(Diagram)

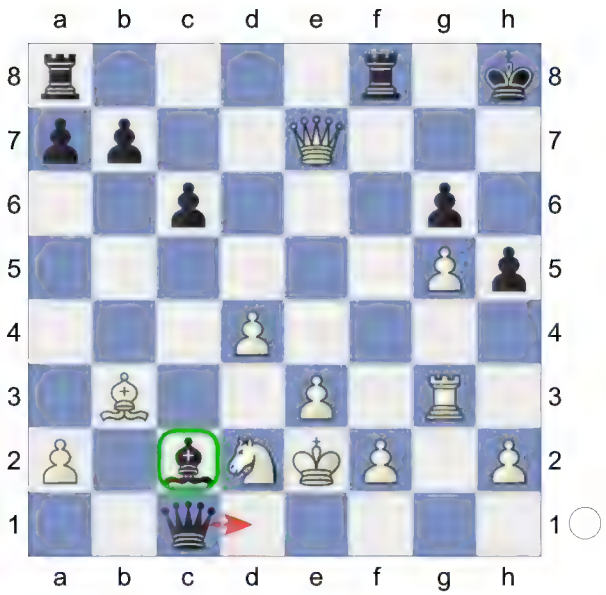


21.Qxe4 Bf5

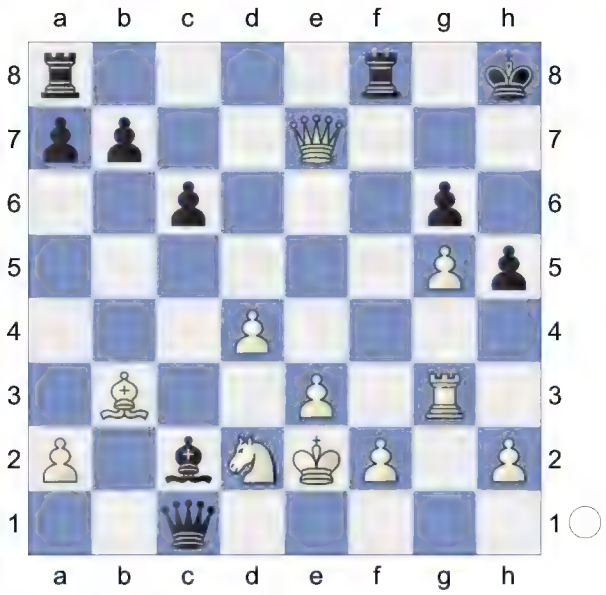


22.Qe7 Bxb1 23.Bxf7 Threatens to win with Rf3. **23...Qc1+ 24.Ke2** Strongly threatening Rf3. Dancing on a razor blade. **24...Bc2 25.Bb3+ Kh8**

(Diagram)



26.Qe5+ Kh7 27.Qe7+ Kh8 28.Qe5+ Kh7 29.Qe7+ Kh8



An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)

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13 **C65**

Divya,Deshmukh **2470**

Goryachkina,Aleksandra **2548**

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[Kitty Kat]

C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3... Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Bxc6 dxc6**

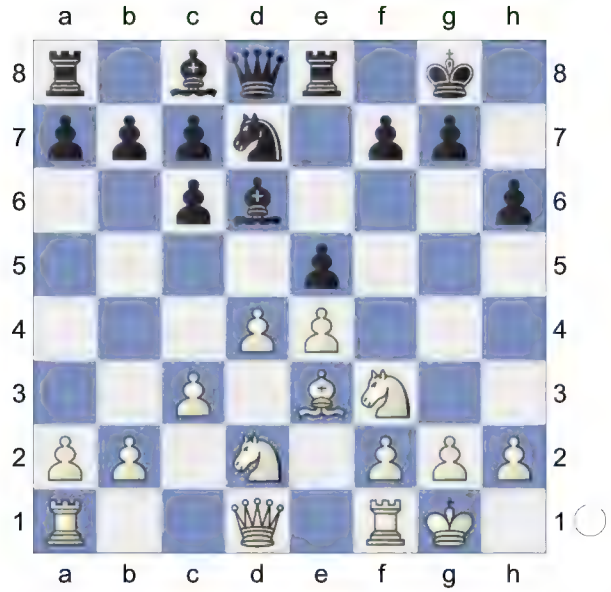
6.0-0 Nd7 7.c3 h6 8.d4

[8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Nc4 Re8 10.b4 Bd6 11.Be3 Nf8 12.Nfd2 Ng6 13.Nxd6 cxd6 14.a4 d5 15.Nb3 b6 16.a5 Rb8 17.Qc2 Be6 18.Rfb1 Re7 19.c4 d4 20.Bd2 f5 21.axb6 axb6 22.f3 Rf7 Carlsen,M (2855)-Karjakin, S (2758) Stavanger 2021 CBM 204 [Nielsen, Peter Heine] 1-0 (53)]

8...Bd6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8N

[10...exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.f4 Ng4 13.Qe2 *(13.Qf3 c5 14.Ne2 f5 15.e5 Be7 16.Rfd1 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 Qe8 18.c4 Be6 19.a4 Rd8 20.b3* Chapter-Berlin 4.d3 Bc5 [GM Ivan Cheparinov]*)* 13...Nxe3 14.Qxe3 c5 15.N4f3 f5 16.Ne5 Bxe5 17.fxe5

Qe7 18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Rae1 Rad8 20.Rf2 b6 21.a3 a5 22.Ref1 Qe6 23.h3 Bg6 24.Rxf8+ Rxf8 25.Rxf8+ Voelkl,S (2618)-Mu,K (2663) Hastings 2023 Inf52 [Shaw, John] 0-1 (51) Kxf8 26.Nf3 Ke7 27.Kf2 Qc4 28.g4 Qb3 29.Qe2 Qa4 30.Kg3 Be4 31.Nd2 Bc6 32.Nf1 Bb5 33.Qf3 Bxf1 34.Qxf1 Qc2 35.Qb5 Qe4 36.Kf2 Qxe5 37.Kg2 Qe4+ 38.Kg3 Kd6 39.Qb3 Qe5+ 40.Kh4 Svane,F (2618)-Cheparinov,I (2663) Baku 2023 CBM 216 [Cheparinov, Ivan] 0-1 (51)]



11.dxe5 Bxe5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.h3 Qd3

[13...b6!?]

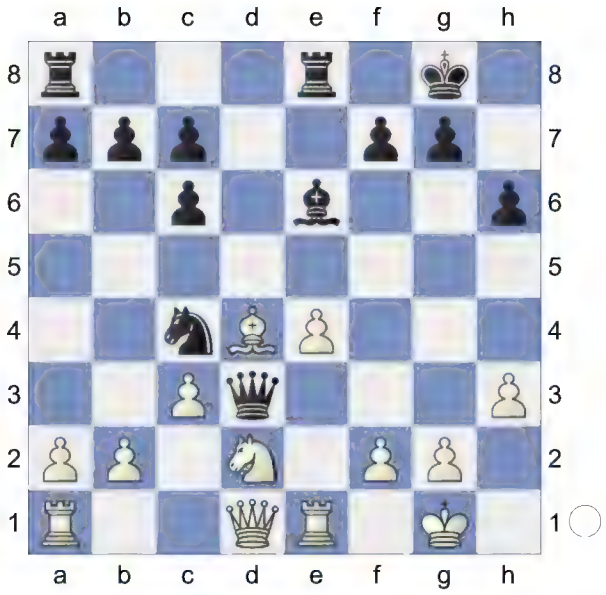
14.Re1 Be6 0.30/20

[⌓14...Qd8 -0.01/19]

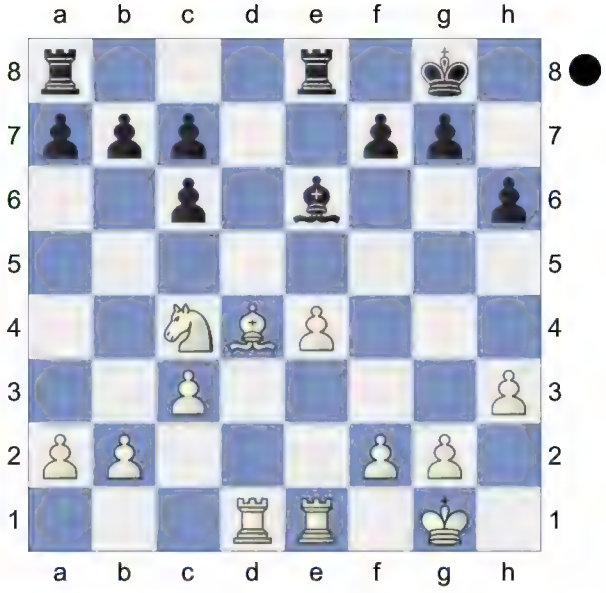
15.Bd4 Nc4 0.77/22

[15...Ng6= 0.19/20 remains equal.]

(Diagram)



16.Nxc4± Qxd1 17.Raxd1



And now b3 would win. **17...Bxc4 18.b3 Be6 19.f4 f6 20.c4 Bf7**

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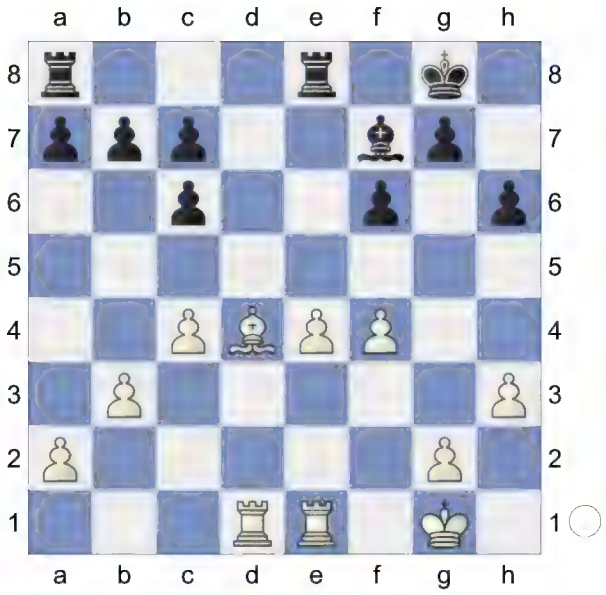
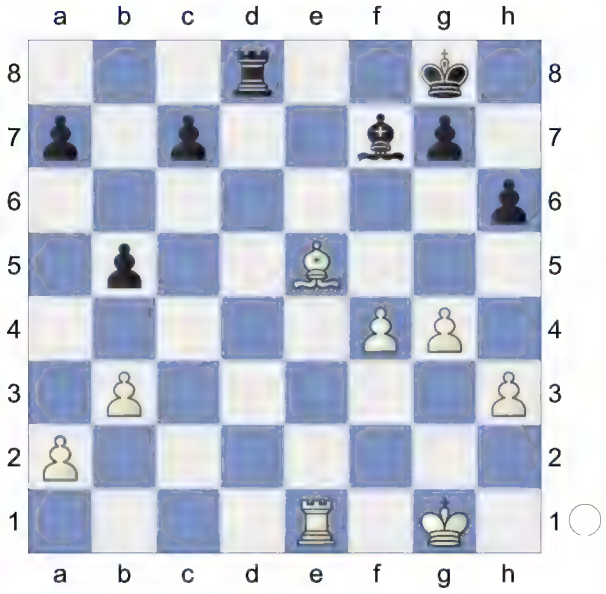
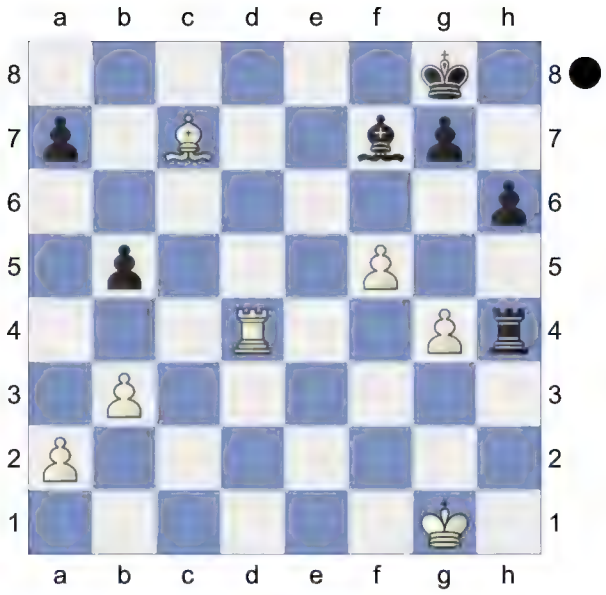


21.g4 0.25/24
[21.Bb2± 0.84/20]
21...b5= 22.cxb5 cxb5 23.e5 fxe5 0.71/22
[23...Rad8± 0.38/22]
24.Bxe5± Rad8 25.Rxd8 &Bianco is more active. **25...Rxd8**

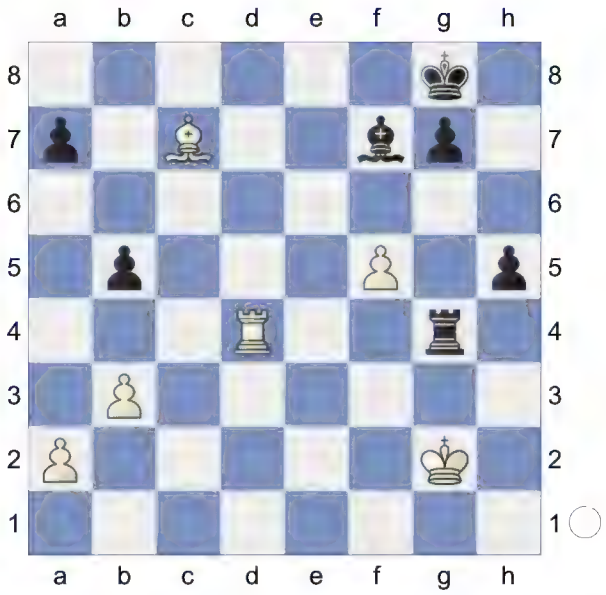


26.Bxc7 Endgame KRB-KRB **26...Rd3 27.f5 Rxh3 28.Rd1 Rh4** The position is equal. **29.Rd4**

(Diagram)



Threatens to win with Bg3. **29...h5 30.Kg2 Rxg4+**



31.Rxg4 hxg4= KB-KB **32.Kg3 Bd5 33.Kxg4 Be4 34.b4 Kf7 35.Kg5 a6**

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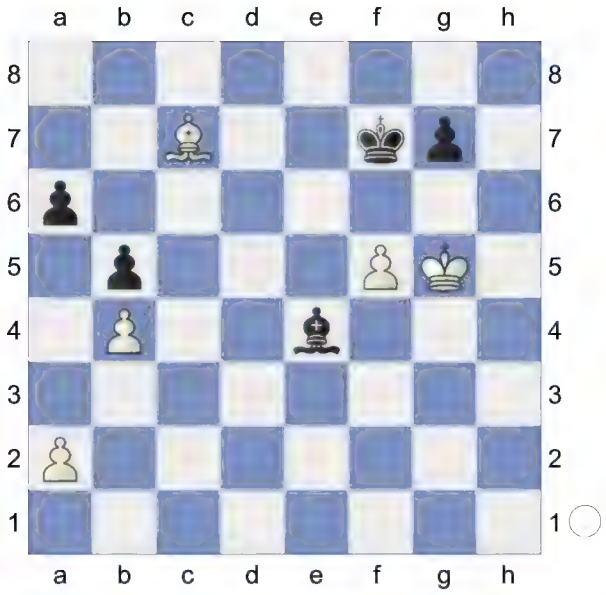
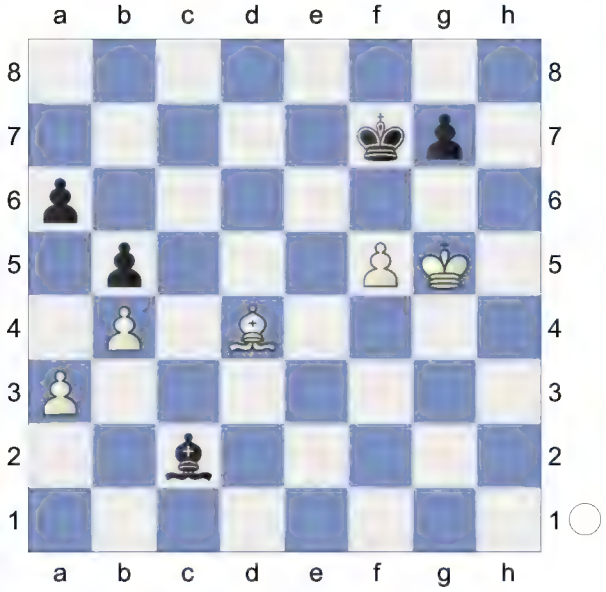


36.a3 Bc2 37.Be5 Bd3 38.Bd4 Bc2 39.Be5 Bd3 40.Bd4 Bc2



41.Be5 Bd3

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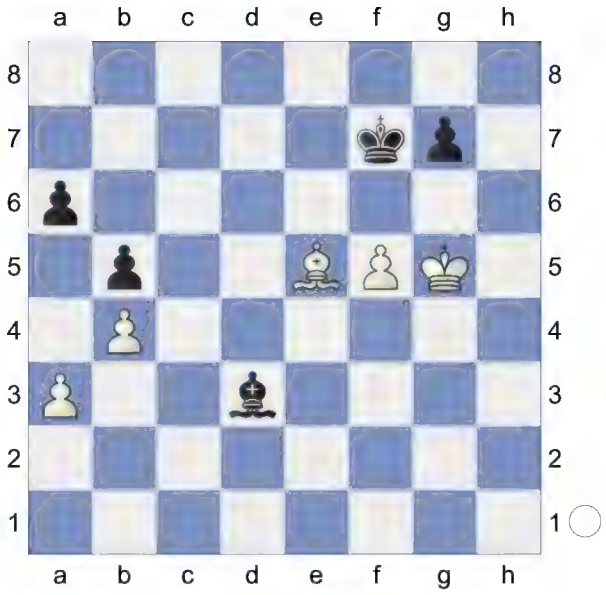

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14 **C19**
□ **Zhu,Jiner** **2514**
■ **Dronavalli,Harika** **2483**
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[Kitty Kat]

C18: French: 3 Nc3 Bb4: Main line: 7 h4 and 7 Qg4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+**

(Diagram)

6.bxc3 Ne7 7.h4 Qa5 8.Bd2 Nbc6 9.h5 b6

[9...Qa4 10.Nf3 cxd4 11.Rh4 b6 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Rxd4 Qc6 14.Qg4 Nf5 15.Bd3 Rg8 16.Rf4 Bd7 17.Qe2 g5 18.hxg6 hxg6 19.0-0-0 Rc8 20.g4 Ne7 21.Qf3 Qc5 22.Rxf7 Nc6 23.Qf6 Nxe5 24.Qxe5 Kuehn,D (2625)-Chilingirova,P (2585) corr 2011 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 1-0]

[9...Bd7 10.Nf3 0-0-0 11.h6 gxh6 12.Rxh6 Ng8 13.Rh4 f6 14.Qe2 c4 15.Rf4 Rf8 16.g3 Qa4 17.Kd1 f5 18.Rh4 Qa5 19.Ng5 h6 20.Nh3 Be8 21.Nf4 Bf7 22.Bg2 Nge7 23.Qe1 Nd8 24.Qh1 Mittermayr,G (2531)-Emms,J (2243) Hersonissos 101/162 2023 TD 94\02 [John Watson] 1-0 (41)]

10.h6 gxh6

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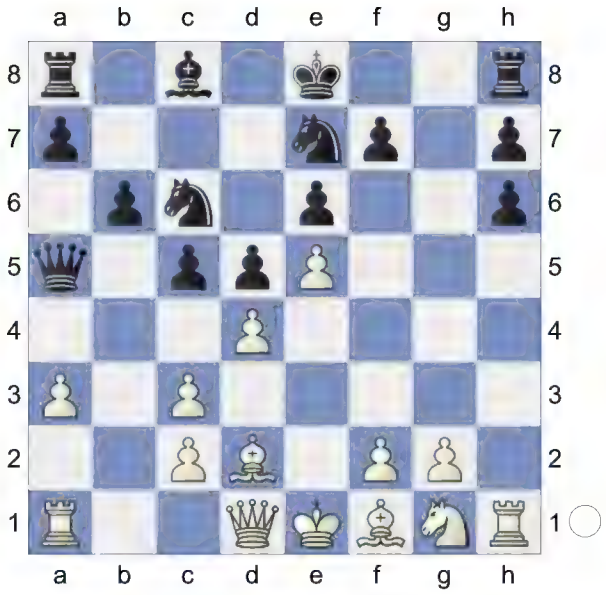


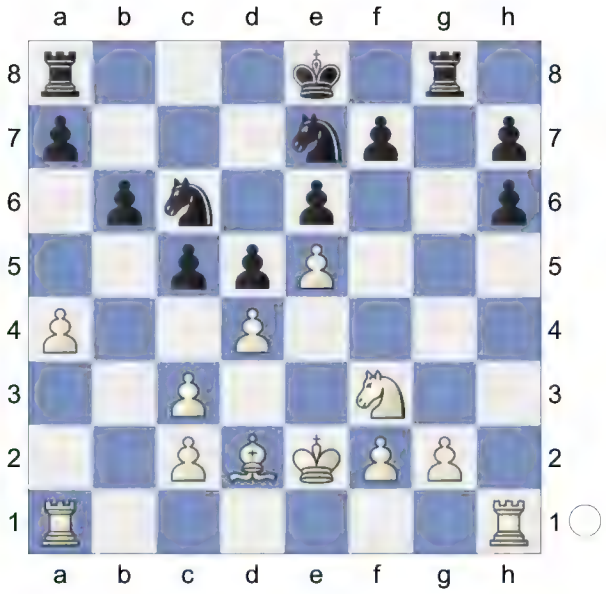
11.a4 Ba6 Inhibits Bb5. White has an edge.

[11...cxd4? 12.cxd4 Nb4 13.Qb1+-]

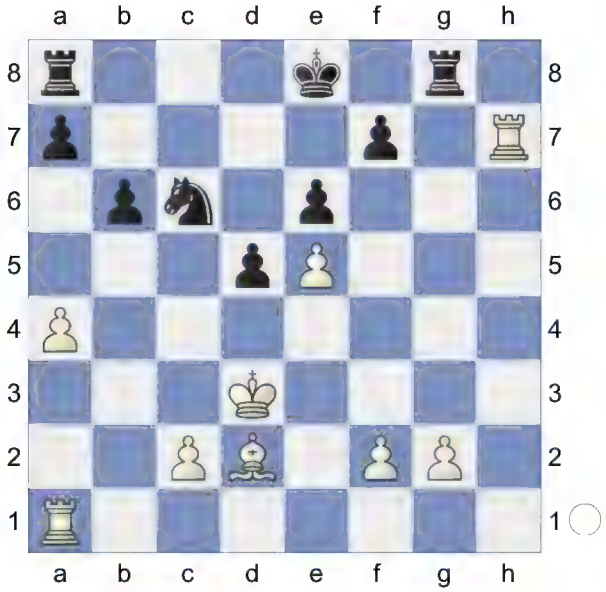
12.Nf3N

[12.Bb5 Bxb5 13.c4 Nb4 14.cxb5 a6 15.Ne2 axb5 16.Nc3 Nec6 17.0-0 Nxd4 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.c3 Nbc6 20.cxd4 b4 21.e6 0-0-0 22.exf7 Rhf8 23.Qe2 Kb7 24.Qe6 Qa8 25.dxc5 Qc8 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5: 7.h4-7.h4 Options to Investigate:]

12...Bxf1 13.Kxf1 Qa6+ 14.Qe2 Qxe2+ 15.Kxe2 Rg8



16.Rxh6
[16.dxc5 is interesting. Rxg2 17.Rxh6 bxc5 18.Rxh7 Rb8 19.Rh8+]
16...cxd4! **17.cxd4** Black should prevent c3. **17...Nf5!** **18.Rxh7** Hoping for c3. **18...Ncxd4+** **19.Nxd4** -0.34/21
[19.Kd3= -0.01/22 Nxf3 20.gxf3]
19...Nxd4+∓ **20.Kd3** **Nc6**



21.Re1 **Rc8** **22.g3** **Rc7** -0.01/21
[22...Rg4∓ -0.37/21]
23.Rh4= The position is equal.
[23.Rh5 feels hotter. Rg4 24.Rh8+ Ke7 25.Rh4]
23...Kd7 **24.c4** **dxc4+** **25.Rxc4** **Rgc8**

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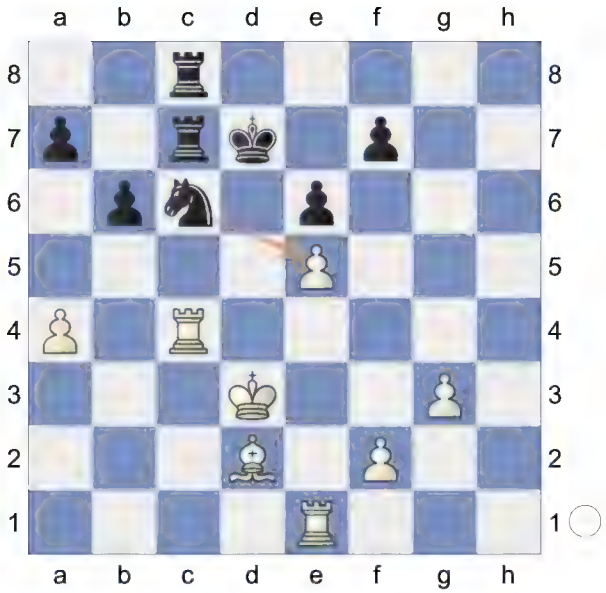
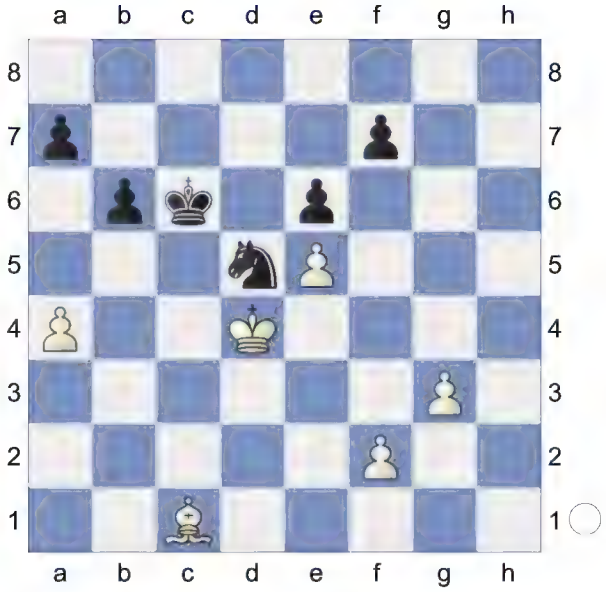


aiming for ... Nxe5+! **26.Ke4** **Ne7**
27.Rxc7+ **Rxc7** **28.Rc1** Against Rc4+
28...Rxc1 **29.Bxc1** Endgame KB-KN
29...Nd5 Strongly threatening ...Nc3+.
30.Kd4 Inhibits Nc3. **30...Kc6**



31.g4 **a5** **32.f4** **Nc7** **33.f5** **exf5**
34.gxf5 **b5** **35.axb5+** **Nxb5+**

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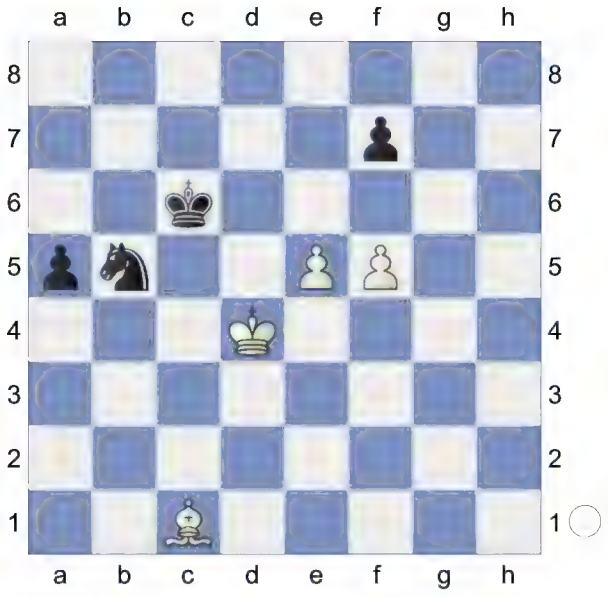

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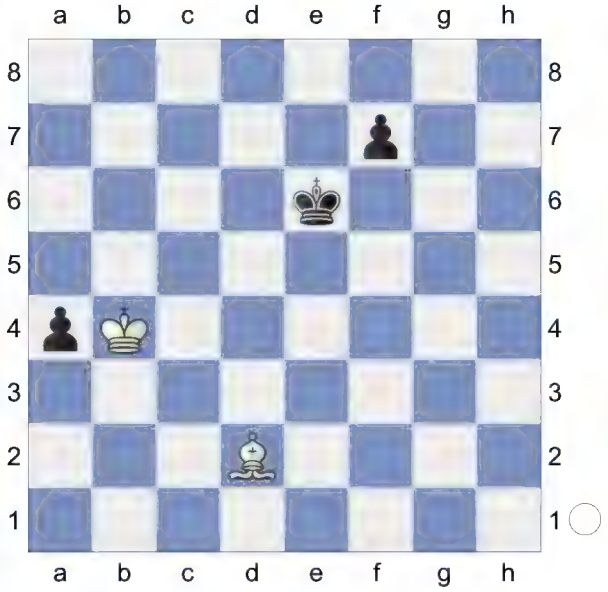

41.Kxa4 Kd5

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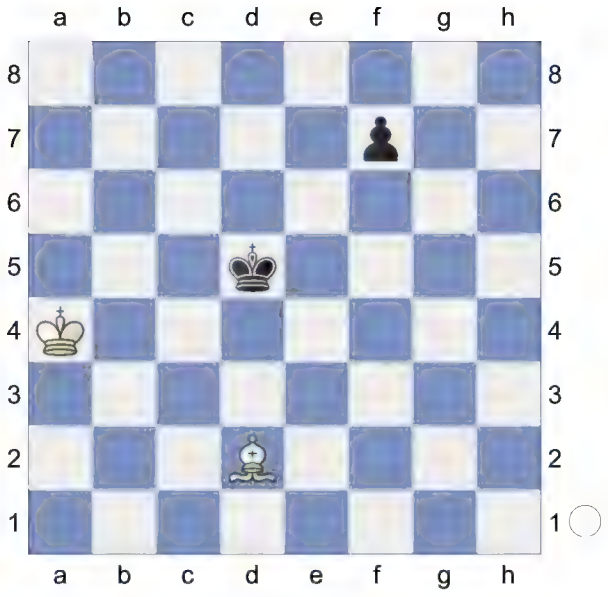

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15 **A22**
□ **Badelka,Olga** **2429**
■ **Paehtz,Elisabeth** **2424**
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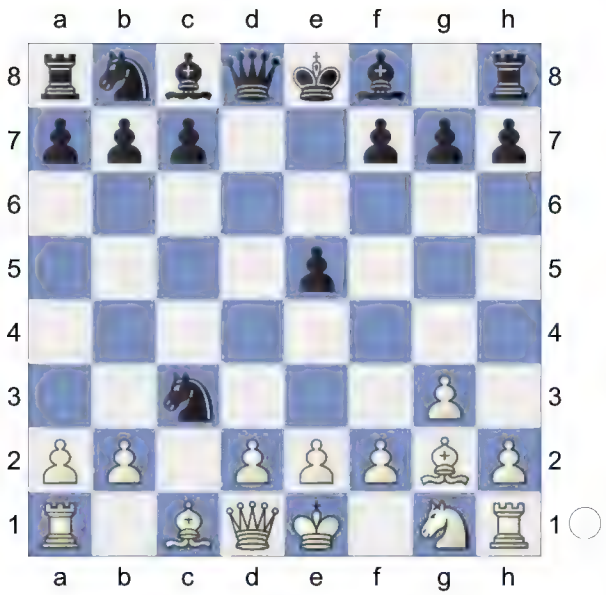
[Kitty Kat]

A22: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3 Nf6
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bg2 Nxc3

(Diagram)



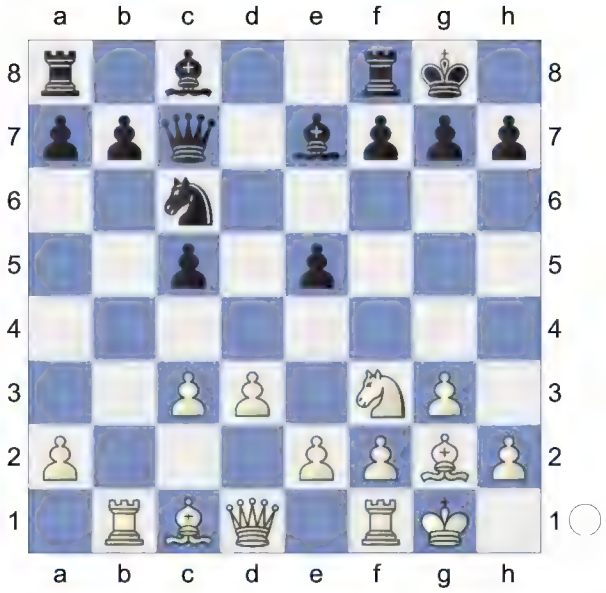
6.bxc3 c5

[6...Nc6 7.d3 Bc5 8.e3 0-0 9.Ne2 Qf6 10.0-0 Re8 11.d4 Bb6 12.h3 Bd7 13.Bd2 Rad8 14.Nc1 Na5 15.Nb3 Ba4 16.Rb1 Nc4 17.Bc1 Qg6 18.Bb2 c5 19.Qc1 h5 20.h4 Bc6 21.Ba3 Lalith,B (2542)-Dubov,D (2694) Tradewise Gibraltar Masters 2018 [David Cummings] 0-1]

7.Rb1N

[7.d3 Nc6 8.Bd2 g6 9.Nf3 Bg7 10.e4 0-0 11.Be3 b6 12.Qd2 Rb8 13.h4 h5 14.Bh3 Na5 15.Bxc8 Qxc8 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Rg1 Rfd8 19.g4 hxg4 20.Rxg4 Qc8 21.Rg1 Qh3 Forgo,F-4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Qc7 Oesterreich 38/513 1994 200 Traps In The Opening [lainMackintosh] 0-1 (37) 22.Ke2 c4 23.d4 exd4 24.cxd4 Qe6 25.e5 Nc6 26.h5 Nxd4+ 27.Nxd4 Qxe5+ 28.Qe3 Qxd4 29.Qxd4+ Rxd4 30.Kf1 b5 31.Ke2 Re8+ 32.Kf3 Rd3+ 33.Kf4 Re2 34.f3 Rf2 35.Rg3 Kf6 36.h6 g5+ Forgo,F-4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Qc7_3907 Oesterreich 38/513 1994 200 Traps In The Opening [lainMackintosh] 0-1 (37) 37.Ke4 Re2# 1-0 (37) Drimer,D-Forintos,G Havana 1966 MCD [Bulletin]]

7...Nc6 8.d3 Qc7 9.Nf3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0

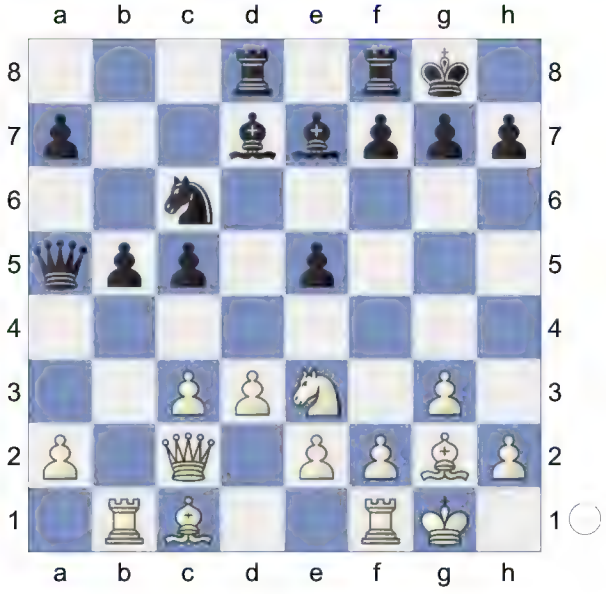


11.Nd2 Be6 12.Qa4 Bd7 13.Qc2 Rad8 14.Nc4 b5 15.Ne3

[15.Rxb5 looks sharper. Nb4 16.cxb4 Bxb5 17.Ne3]

15...Qa5 0.52/18

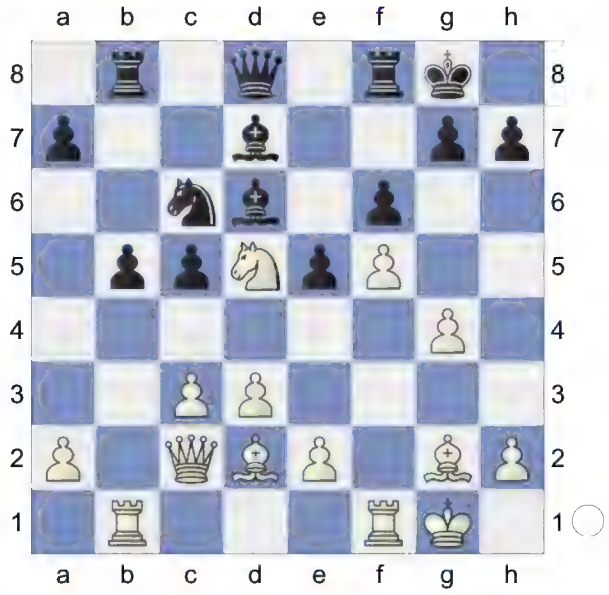
[15...Rb8= -0.04/18]



16.Nd5 -0.01/19

[16.a4!± 0.52/18 a6 17.Bd2]

16...Bd6 17.f4 Rde8 0.39/19
[17...exf4∓ -0.34/15 18.Bxf4 Bxf4 19.Rxf4 Rfe8]
18.f5± f6 0.69/19
[⌓18...Rb8 0.34/16]
19.Bd2 -0.01/20
[19.Qb3± 0.69/19 Rf7 20.Qxb5]
19...Rb8 20.g4 Qd8



21.h4 Qe8 0.16/17
[21...Kh8 -0.16/18 feels stronger.]
22.Qd1 c4 0.50/20
[Black should try 22...a5= -0.08/16]
23.dxc4 e4 1.23/19
[23...bxc4± 0.54/20 24.Qa4 Kh8]
24.Bf4 0.51/20
[24.Rxb5 Rxb5 25.cxb5 Ne5]
[24.cxb5± 1.23/19 Ne5 25.a4 *(25.Bxe4 Nxg4 26.Qc2 Rxb5=)*]
24...Ne5 25.Ne3 0.08/19
[25.Nb4± 0.54/18 Bc5+ 26.Kh1]
25...Qe7 1.34/21
[25...Nf3+= 0.08/19 26.exf3 *(26.Rxf3 exf3 27.Qxd6 fxg2±)* 26...Bxf4]

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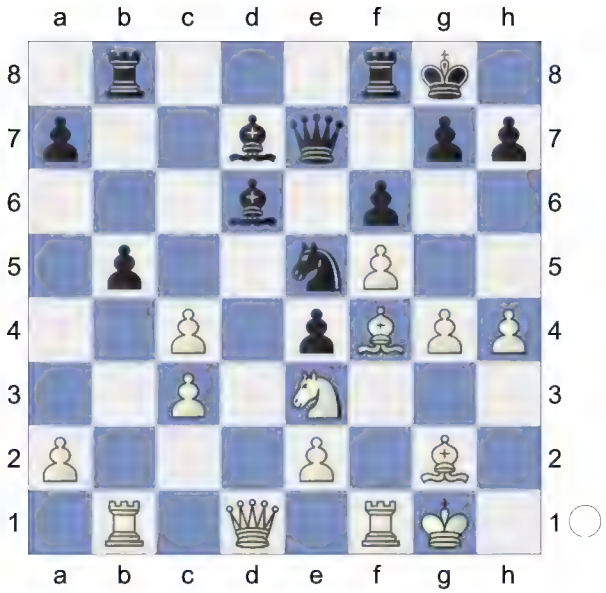

26.Qd5+ 0.68/21
[26.Bxe4 Bc5 27.Kh1 Bxe3 28.Bxe3 Kh8±]
[26.cxb5± 1.34/21 Bc5 27.Kh1 *(27.Bxe4 Nxg4 28.Qd5+ Kh8∓)*]
26...Kh8 27.Qxe4 0.31/21
[27.Kh1± 1.08/21]
27...bxc4 0.66/20
[27...Bc6 0.31/21 deserves consideration. 28.Nd5 Bxd5 29.cxd5 *(29.Qxd5 Nxc4 30.Bxd6 Nxd6=)* 29...Rfc8]
28.Nd5
[28.Nxc4? Rxb1 29.Rxb1 Bc6 30.Nxd6 Bxe4 31.Nxe4 Qa3 32.Bxe5 fxe5-+]
28...Qf7 29.Rxb8 Rxb8 30.g5 Re8

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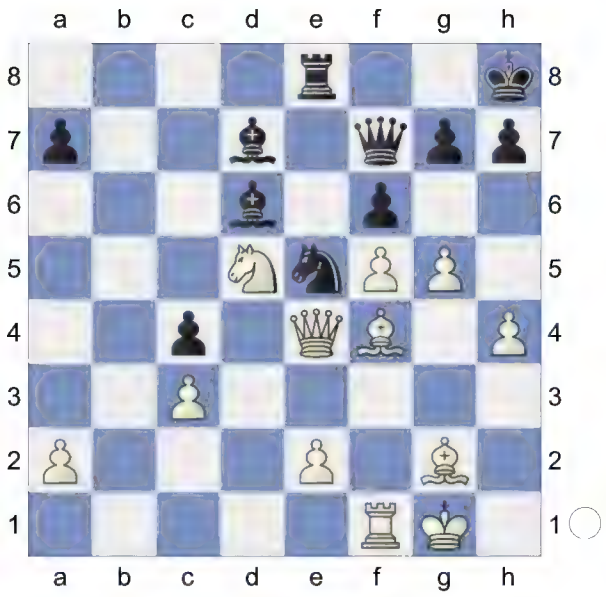
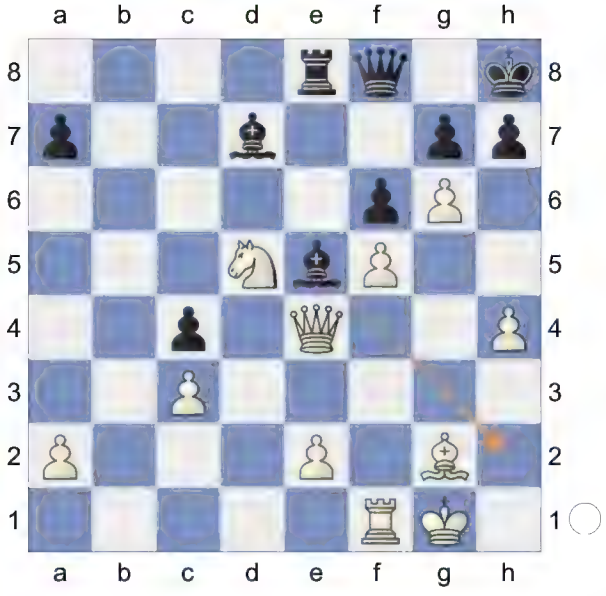
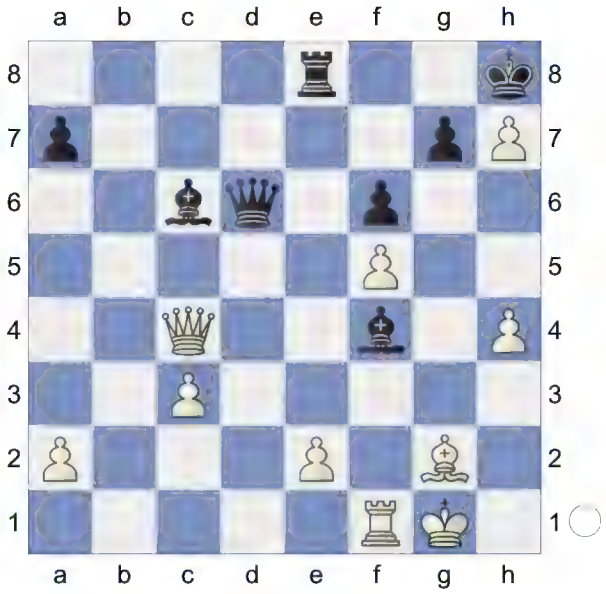


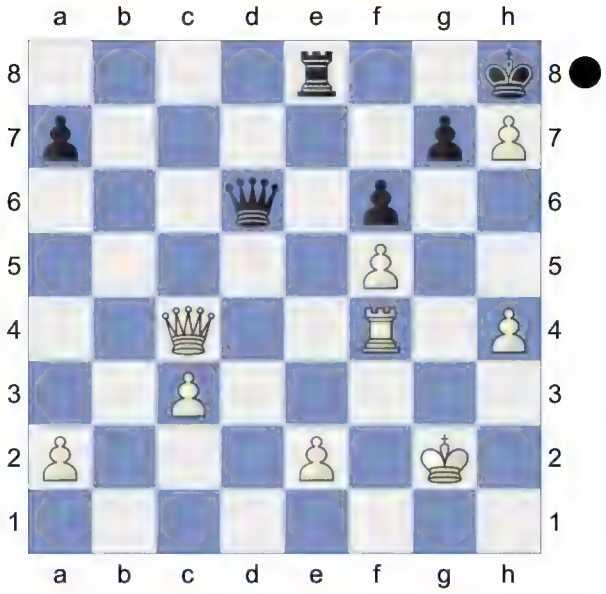
31.Bxe5 -0.23/21
[31.Qd4± 0.71/20 And now Nxf6! would win. Qf8 32.Be3]
31...Bxe5 0.54/20
[31...Rxe5= -0.23/21 32.Qg4 *(32.Qxc4 fxg5 33.e4 gxh4∓)* 32...fxg5]
32.g6
[Don't play 32.Qxc4 fxg5 33.Qg4 gxh4=]
32...Qf8



Hoping for ...Bh2+! **33.Qxc4** **Qd6**
34.gxh7 -0.18/19
[34.h5± 0.57/20]
34...Bc6 0.52/19 A strong pair of Bishops.
[Better is 34...Rc8= -0.18/19 35.Qg4 Bxc3]
35.Nf4 Bxf4



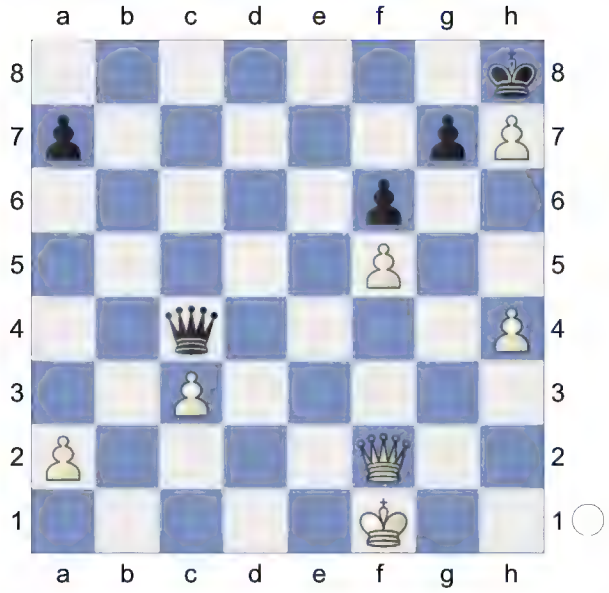
Remove Defender **36.Rxf4** -0.01/23
[Don't go for 36.Bxc6? Be3+ 37.Kg2 Rc8-+]
[White should play 36.Qxf4± 0.53/21 Qxf4 37.Rxf4 Bxg2 38.Kxg2]
36...Bxg2= 37.Kxg2



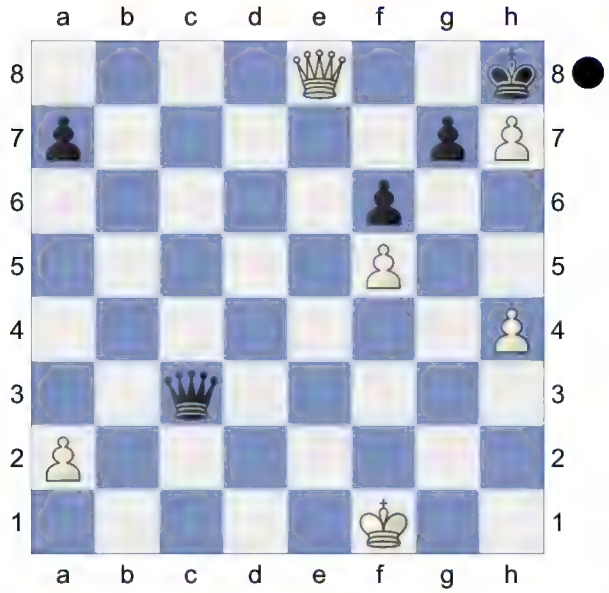
Rxe2+ **38.Qxe2** Qe6! would kill now.

38...Qxf4± KQ-KQ **39.Qf2 Qg4+ 40.Kf1 Qc4+** -0.01/22

[40...Qh3+∓ -0.41/19 41.Ke2 Qxc3]



41.Qe2!= Qxc3 With the idea ...Qh3+. **42.Qe8+!**



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16 **A09**

□ **Dzagnidze,Nana** **2513**

■ **Paehtz,Elisabeth** **2424**

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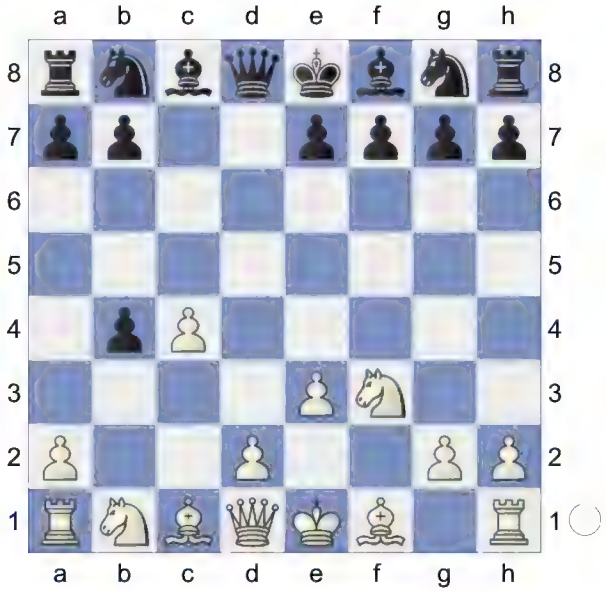
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 Nikolic, Pr: 'Inf 43/5' **1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.e3 c5 4.b4 dxe3 5.fxe3 cxb4**



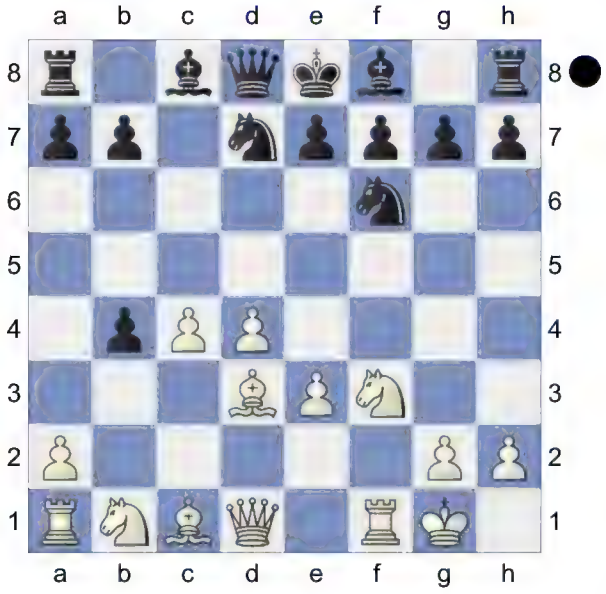
6.d4 Nd7N

[6...Nf6 7.Bd3 g6 *(7...Bg4 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Nbd2 e6 10.Bb2 Be7 11.Qc2 Bxf3 12.Nxf3 0-0 13.e4* Levine,M-N, N corr UK 2000 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]*)* 8.a3 bxa3 9.Nc3 Bg7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bxa3 Nc6 12.Qe1 Re8 13.Rd1 Bg4 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Rxf3 Roos-Dgebuadze,A corr 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]]

[6...g6 7.Bd3 Bg7 8.0-0 Nh6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Qe2 Bf5 11.Ne4 Nc6 12.Bb2 Qc7 13.h3 e5 14.d5 Bxe4 15.Bxe4 f5 16.dxc6 fxe4 17.cxb7 Qxb7 18.Ng5 Bf6 19.h4 Nf5 20.Rad1 Qc6 21.c5 Seirawan,Y (2595)-Nikolic,P (2600) Sarajevo

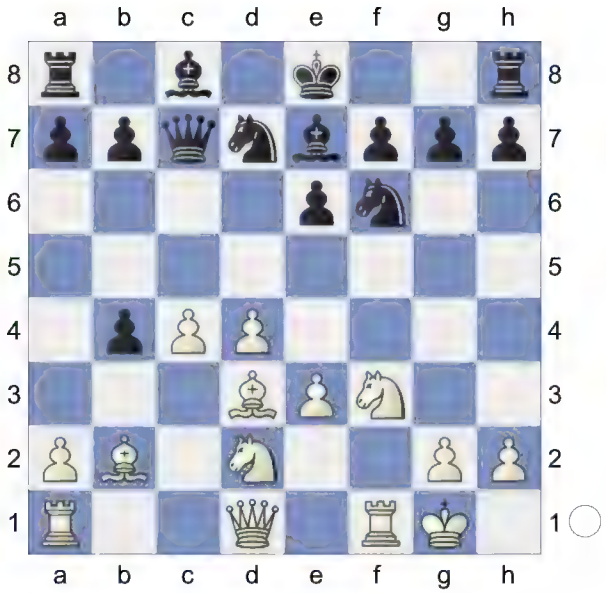
1987 CI1-130 [Nikolic,Predrag] 0-1 (39)]
[6...e6 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Bb2 Be7 10.e4 118. Reversed Benoni-Structure: 3... c5 & 4... dxe d5, d4 and f6: Reversed Benon]

7.Bd3 White has compensation. **7...Ngf6**
8.0-0 -0.72/17
[8.Qc2= -0.09/17]

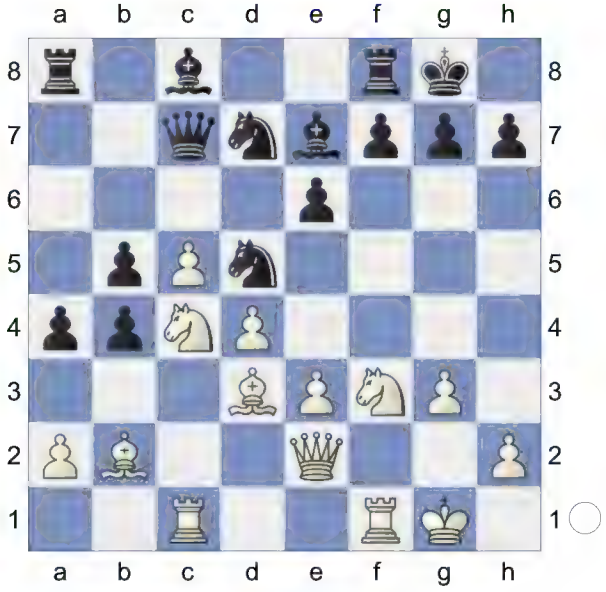


8...Qc7 0.39/17
[8...e5!∓ -0.72/17 White should prevent ...e4. 9.Bc2 Qc7]
9.Bb2 e6
[Much less strong is 9...Ng4 10.Qe1±]
10.Nbd2 Be7

(Diagram)

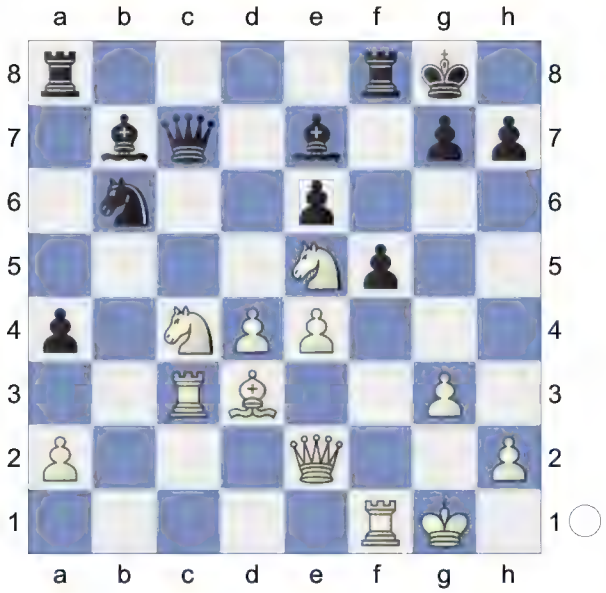


11.Qe2 a5 12.Rac1 a4 13.c5 -0.21/21
[⌓13.e4 0.10/20]
13...Nd5= 14.Nc4 -0.36/19
[14.Bb5= 0.01/18 is superior.]
14...0-0∓ 15.g3 -0.82/19
[15.Ncd2= -0.28/18 remains equal.]
15...b5



16.cxb6 -0.98/19
[16.Ncd2∓ -0.67/19]
16...N7xb6 -0.29/20
[16...Qd8∓ -0.98/19]
17.Nfe5 -0.78/20
[17.Nce5= -0.29/20

is more appropriate. Qb7 18.e4]
17...f5 -0.01/21
[17...f6∓ -0.78/20]
18.e4= And now Nxb6 would win.
18...Nc3 19.Bxc3 bxc3 20.Rxc3 Bb7



21.Qb2 **Rac8** 1.18/24 **22.Rb1↑**
White has some pressure.
[22.exf5 Qd8 23.Qxb6 *(23.Rc2 Nxc4 24.Rxc4 Qd5=)* 23...Qxb6 24.Nxb6 Rxc3=]
22...Bd8 1.98/22 This costs Black the game. **23.Nxb6+-** Pair of Knights!
23...Qxc3 **24.Nxc8** &Bianco is more active. **24...Qxb2 25.Rxb2 Bxc8**

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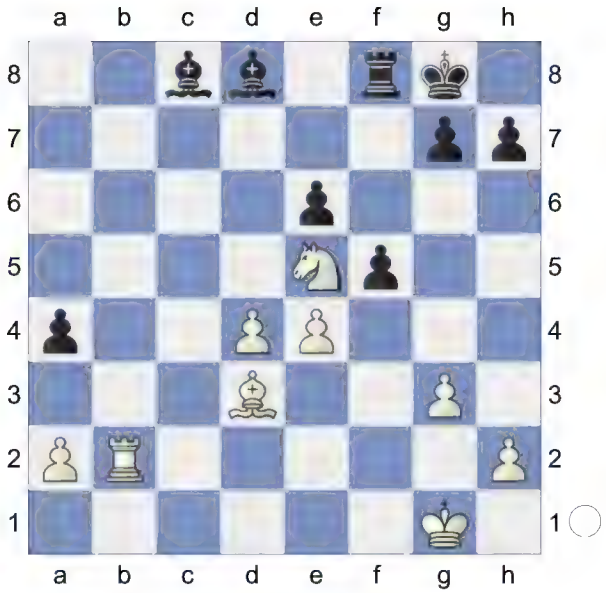
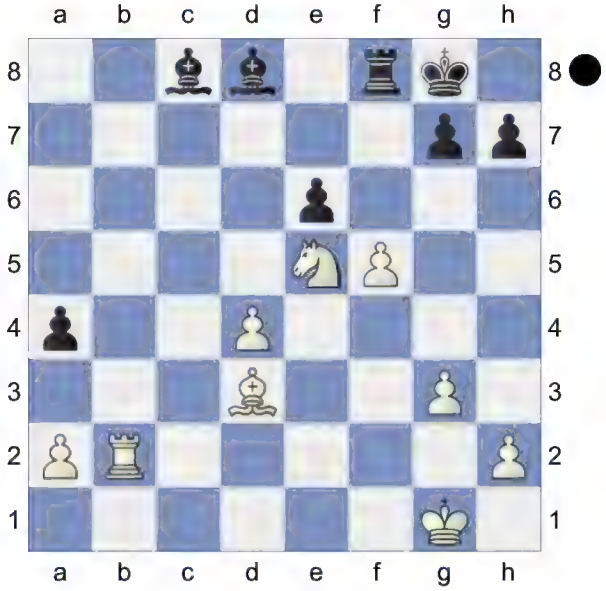
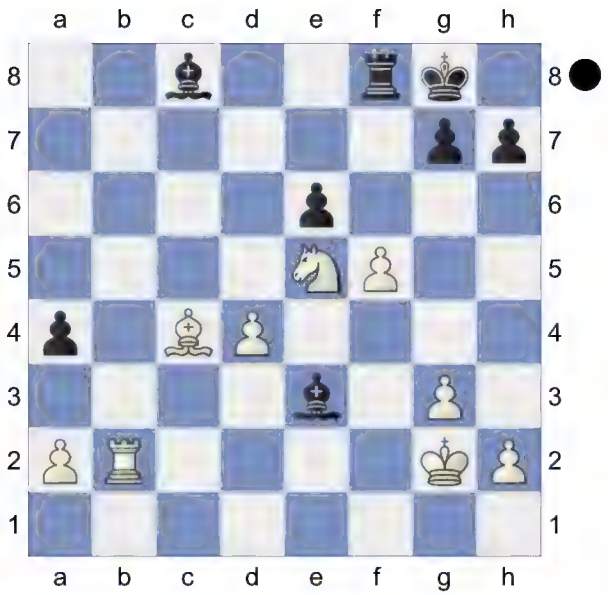


26.exf5



Hoping for Bc4. **26...Bg5?** 4.37/24
[26...Bc7 1.90/23 was called for. 27.Rb4 a3]
27.Bc4 Be3+ 28.Kg2

(Diagram)



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17 **A20**
□ **Dronavalli,Harika** **2483**
■ **Badelka,Olga** **2429**
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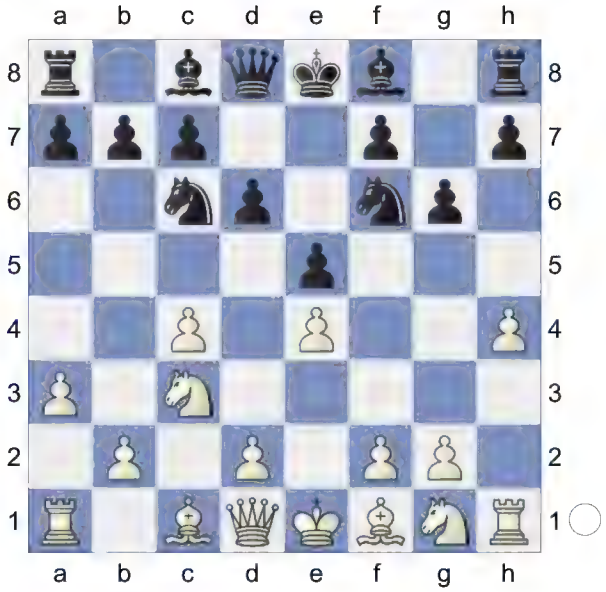
[Kitty Kat]

A20: English Opening: 1...e5 **1.c4 e5 2.a3 d6N**
[2...Nf6 3.Nc3 *(3.e3 c6 4.d4 exd4 5.Qxd4 d5 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Be2 Nc6 10.Qd3 Bg4 11.0-0 Qd7 12.b3 Rfd8 13.Bb2 Bf5 14.Qd1 d4 15.exd4* ½-½ (15) Kigel,D (2608)-Valois,V (2544) Mar del Plata 2009 200 Traps In The Opening [Chess Post 207]*; 3.d3 c6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.e4 0-0 6.Be2 d6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Nc3 Re8 9.b4 Nf8 10.d4 Ng6 11.Re1 Bf8 12.Qc2 h6 13.Bd2 Bg4 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Rad1 Qe7 16.Be3 Nh7 17.h3 Be6* Carlstedt,J (2409)-Huschenbeth,N (2450) Hamburgo 2011 CBM 140 Extra [Bracker/Balcerak] 1-0 (32)*)* 3...d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 *(5.d4 exd4 6.Qxd4 Be6 7.e4 Nc6 8.Bb5 Nde7 9.Nge2 a6 10.Ba4 b5 11.Qxd8+ Rxd8 12.Bc2 Ne5* Nimzowitsch,A-Norman Hansen, H Game No. 105 (Supplement) 1923 [Nimzowitsch,Aron]*)* 5...Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bd6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.h3 Qf6 10.0-0 Be6 #3
1. Rare Lines-2.a3:]
3.Nc3 g6 4.h4 Nf6 5.e4 Nc6



6.d3 Bg7 7.Nge2 Be6 8.Nd5
The position is equal. **8...Qd7** 0.19/17
[⌓8...a5 -0.15/17]

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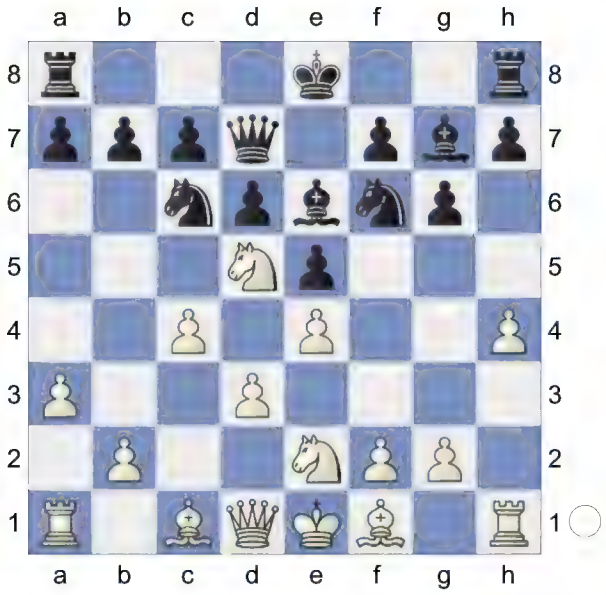
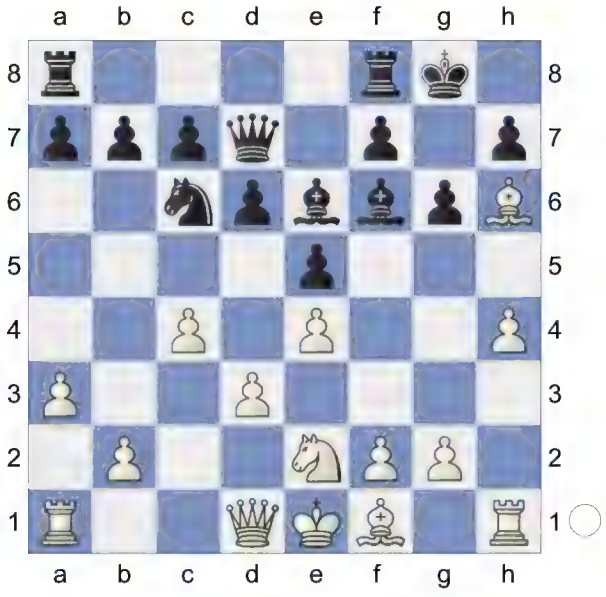


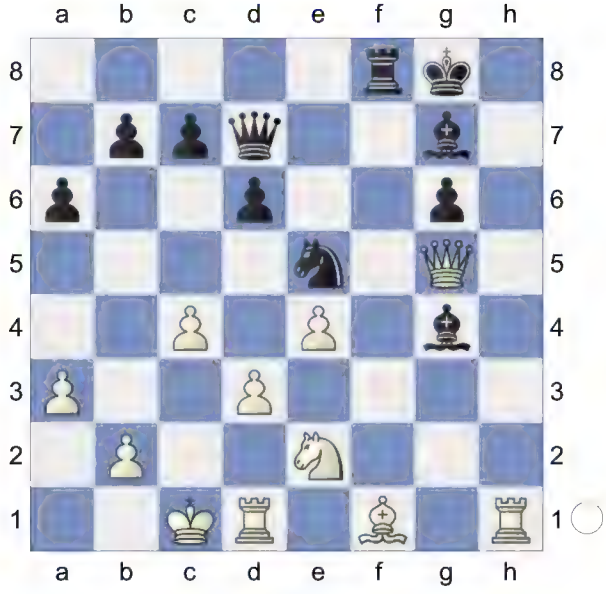
9.Bh6!= 0-0 10.Nxf6+ Bxf6



11.Bxf8 Rxf8 12.Qd2 Bg7 13.h5 f5 0.67/20
[13...b6= 0.27/18 should be considered.]
14.hxg6± hxg6 15.exf5 Bxf5

(Diagram)

16.f3 a6
[16...Nd4 17.Nxd4 exd4 18.0-0-0±]
17.g4 Be6 18.Qg5 e4 0.69/21
[18...Qf7= 0.01/21]
19.fxe4 Ne5 20.0-0-0 Bxg4 1.40/20
[20...Qf7± 0.49/20]



21.d4±
[21.Qh4?! Bh5=]
21...Nxc4 22.Nc3 Really sharp!
[22.Qxg6 Qb5 23.b4 Qc6 24.Qh7+ *(24.Kb1? Rf3-+)* 24...Kf7=]
22...b5 3.68/24 Loses the game.

[22...Nb6± 1.55/20]

23.Qxg6 2.16/22

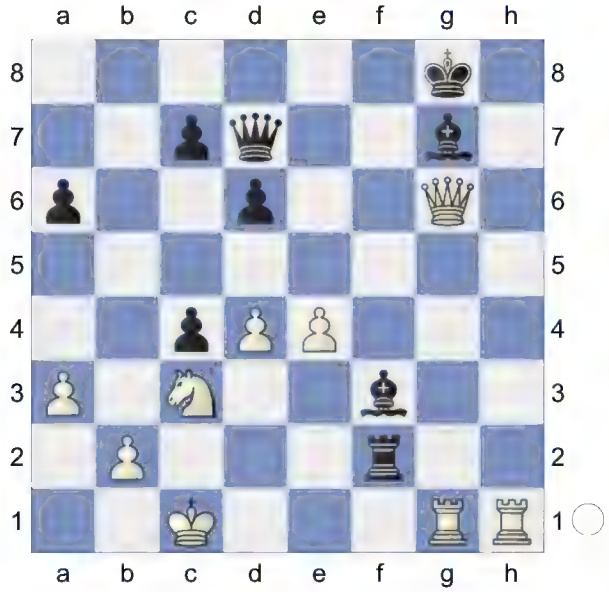
[⌓23.Bxc4+ 3.68/24 bxc4 24.Rdg1 *(24.Qxg6 Bxd1 25.Nxd1 Rf3=)*]

23...Rf2? 8.29/22

[23...Bxd1 2.16/22 24.Bh3 *(24.Nxd1 Rf6±; 24.Kxd1 Ne3+ 25.Ke2 Rxf1=)* 24...Rf6 25.Qxf6 *(25.Bxd7 Rxg6 26.Rxd1 Ne3∓)* 25...Bxf6 26.Bxd7 Bb3 27.Be6+ Kg7]

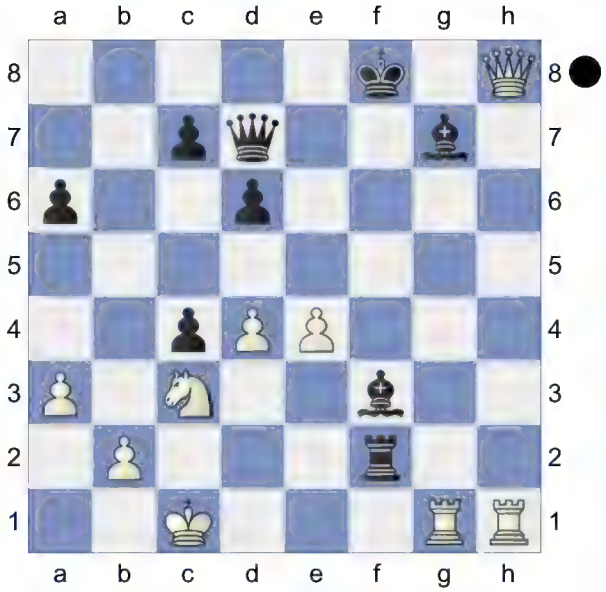
24.Bxc4++- White is clearly winning.

24...bxc4 25.Rdg1 Bf3



26.Qh7+ Kf8

27.Qh8+!!



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18	**A18**
□ **Muzychuk,Mariya**	**2490**
■ **Zhu,Jiner**	**2514**
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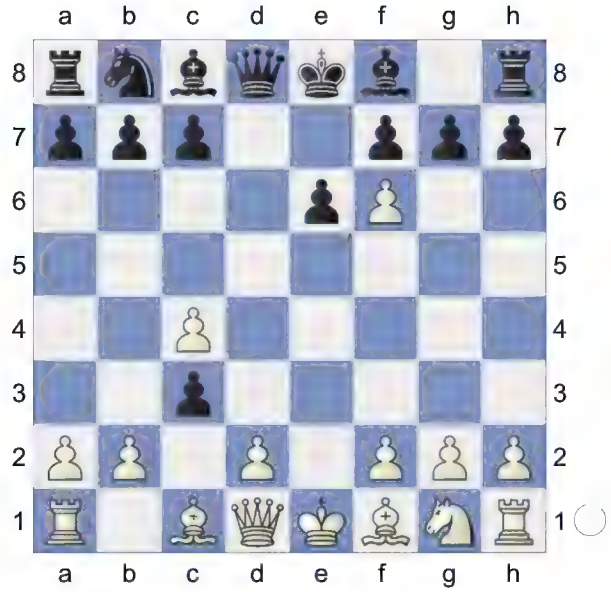
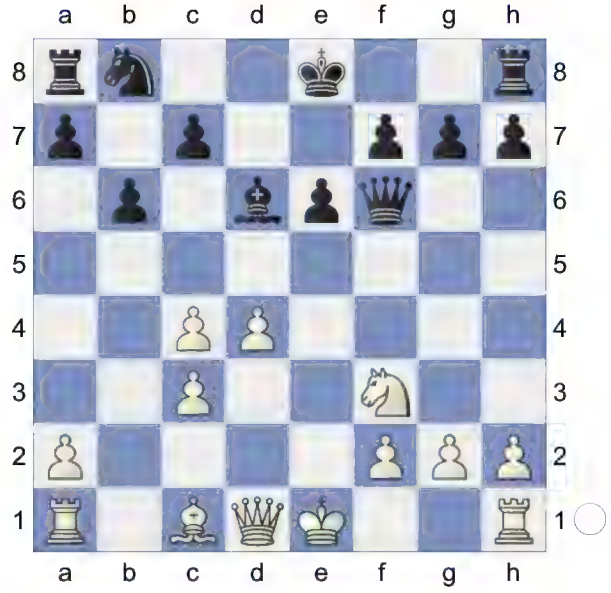
[Kitty Kat]

A18: English Opening: Flohr-Mikenas System (1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e6 3 e4) Boris Gulko and Dr. Joel R. Sneed: 'Boris: In my game with Peev, I obtained the initiative for free, while in the two other games of this chapter I had to sacrifice a pawn in order to obtain it. In this one, we see a struggle for the initiative in an approximately equal position. ' Boris Gulko and Dr. Joel R. Sneed: 'Boris: In my game with Peev, I obtained the initiative for free, while in the two other games of this chapter I had to sacrifice a pawn in order to obtain it. In this one, we see a struggle for the initiative in an

approximately equal position.' **1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 d5 4.e5 d4 5.exf6 dxc3**



6.bxc3 Qxf6 7.d4 b6 8.Be2 Bb7 9.Bf3 Bxf3 10.Nxf3 White is slightly better. **10...Bd6**



11.Qa4+ c6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rb1 Qf5N

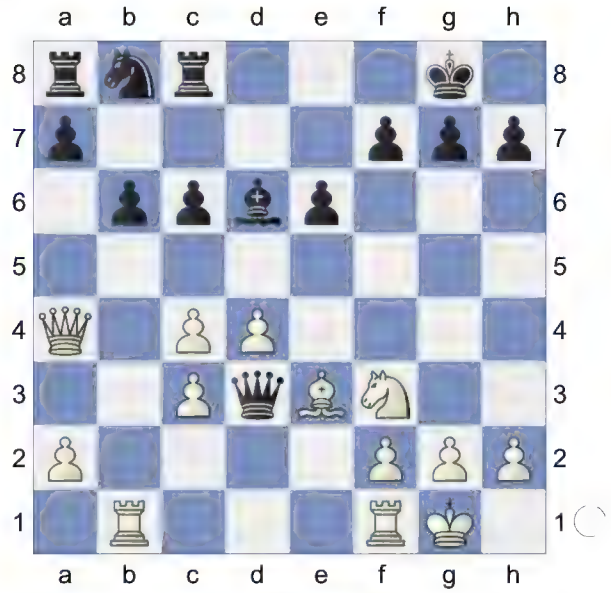
[13...Bc7 14.Re1 *(14.Bg5 Qg6 15.Rfe1 Rc8 16.Be7 Nd7 17.d5 exd5 18.cxd5 Ne5 19.Nh4 Qh6 20.Qd4 cxd5 21.Rxe5 Bxe5 22.Qxe5 Qe6 23.Bd6 Re8 24.Qxe6 Rxe6 25.Bf4 Re2 26.Be3 Rxa2 27.Nf5 Re8 28.Bd4 Rb2* Morris (2298)-Andaburskis,A (2186) Nuremberg 2017 CYB 12 [Herbold,M] ½-½ (31) *)* 14...Rc8 15.Ba3 Nd7 16.Rbd1 a6 17.d5 b5 18.Qc2 cxd5 19.cxd5 exd5 20.Rxd5 Qc6 21.Rdd1 Re8 22.Nd4 Qf6 23.Nf5 Re5 24.Ne7+ Kh8 25.c4 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qh4 27.g3 Qxc4 28.Qf5 Gulko,B (2615)-Huebner,R (2595) Polanica Zdroj 1996 CBM 055 [Ribli, Zoltan] 1-0 (40)]

[13...Qd8 14.Be3 Qc8 15.Rxb6 axb6 16.Qxa8 Nd7 17.Qxc8 Rxc8 18.Rb1 #24 Theory 6B: Mikenas Attack (2-Theory 6B:]

14.Bg5

[14.Rxb6!? axb6 15.Qxa8=]

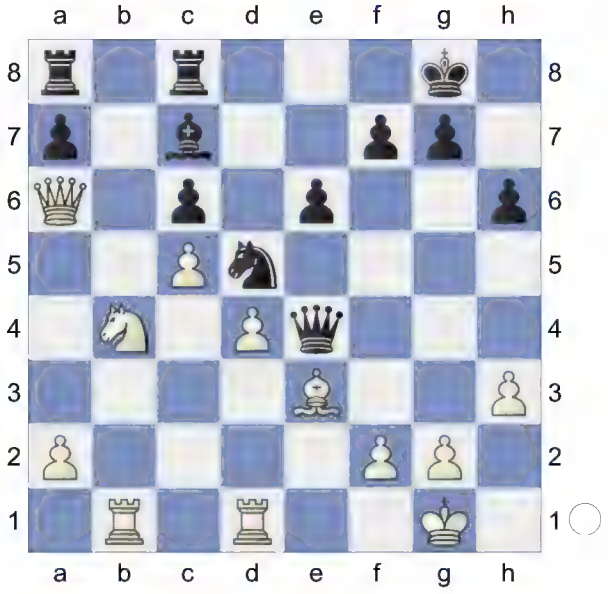
14...Qd3 15.Be3 Rc8



16.c5 b5 17.Qb3 Bc7 18.Rfd1 Qf5 19.c4 bxc4 20.Qxc4 Nd7

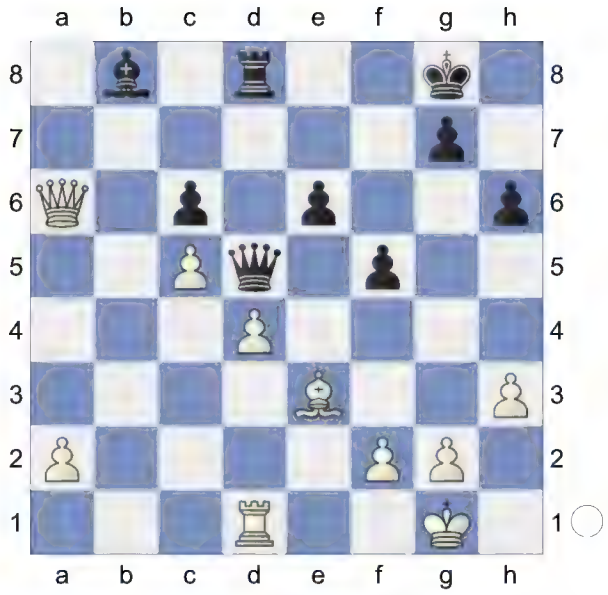
(Diagram)

21.Qa6 Qd5 22.h3 h6 23.Ne1 &Bianco is more active. **23...Nf6 24.Nd3 Qe4 25.Nb4 Nd5**

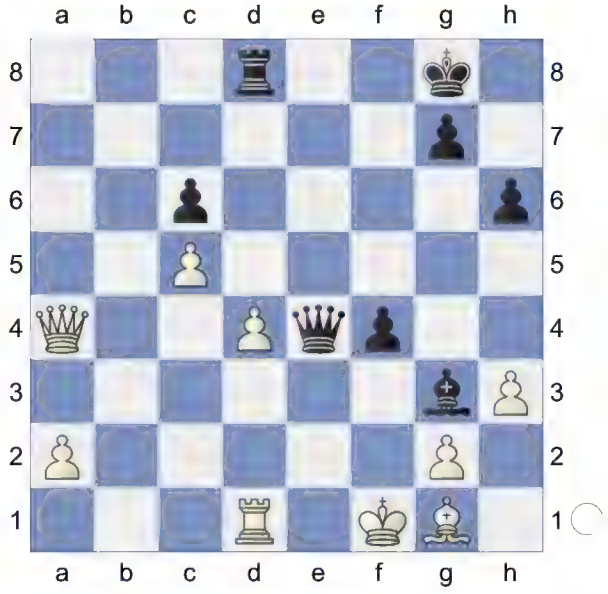


26.Nxd5
[26.Nxc6 Nxe3 27.fxe3 Qxe3+ 28.Kh1 Qf4∓]
26...Qxd5 27.Rb7 f5 28.Rxa7 Rxa7 29.Qxa7
[Much weaker is 29.Qxc8+ Kh7=]
29...Bb8 30.Qa6 Rd8

(Diagram)

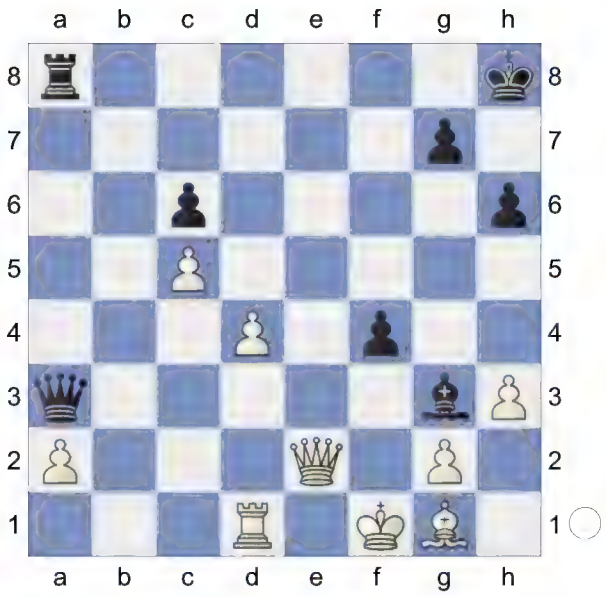


31.f3 0.13/22
[31.Re1± 0.74/17]
31...Bg3= 32.Qa4 e5 33.Kf1 f4 34.Bg1 e4 35.fxe4 Qxe4

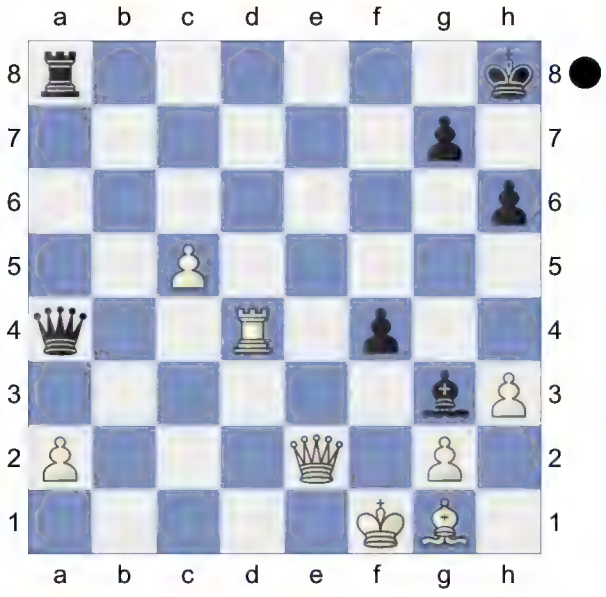


36.Qb3+ Kh8 37.Qf3⇄ White is fighting back **37...Qc2** ...Re8 is the strong threat. **38.Qe2** Prevents Re8. **38...Qa4 39.Rb1 Qa3 40.Rd1 Ra8** 0.52/22
[40...Qa4= -0.01/23]

(Diagram)

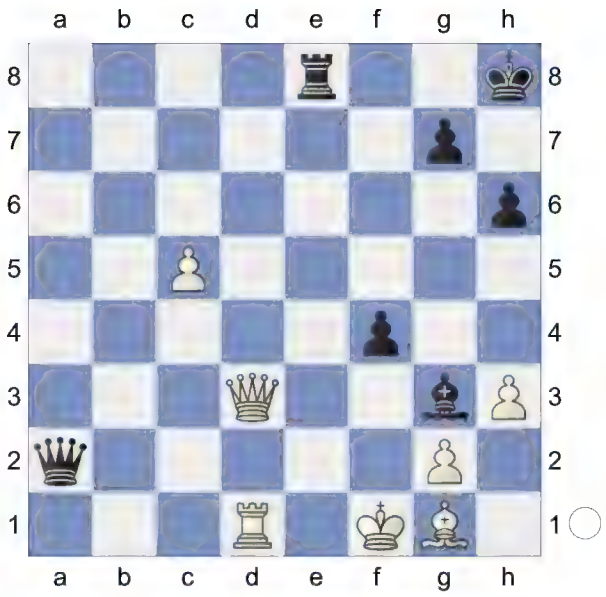


41.d5 0.01/22
[41.Bf2± 0.52/22]
41...cxd5 42.Rxd5
[42.Bd4 looks sharper. Qa4 43.Bxg7+ Kxg7 44.Qe5+]
42...Qa4 43.Rd4

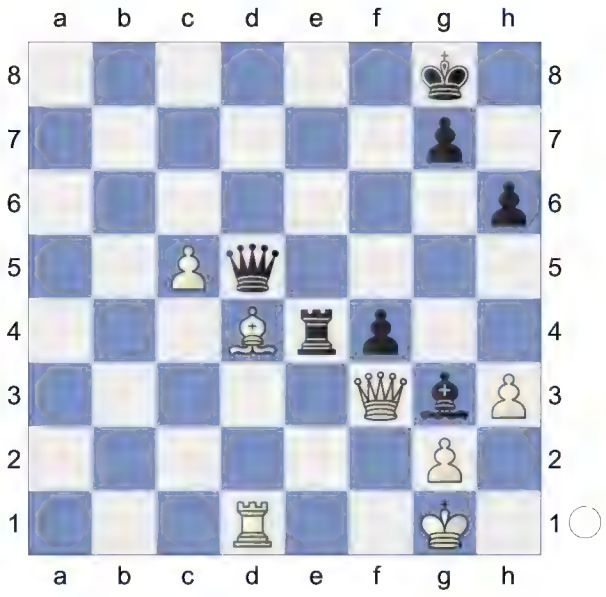


Rb8! (→ ...Rb1+) **44.Rd1** Inhibits Rb1.
[44.Qd3!? Qa5 45.Bf2=]
44...Re8 45.Qd3 Qxa2 -0.01/23
[Better is 45...Bh4!∓ -0.70/22]

(Diagram)



46.Bd4! The position is equal. **46...Kg8**
47.Kg1 Qd5 48.Qf3 Re4



49.Bxg7! Qxc5+ 50.Kh1 Qe3

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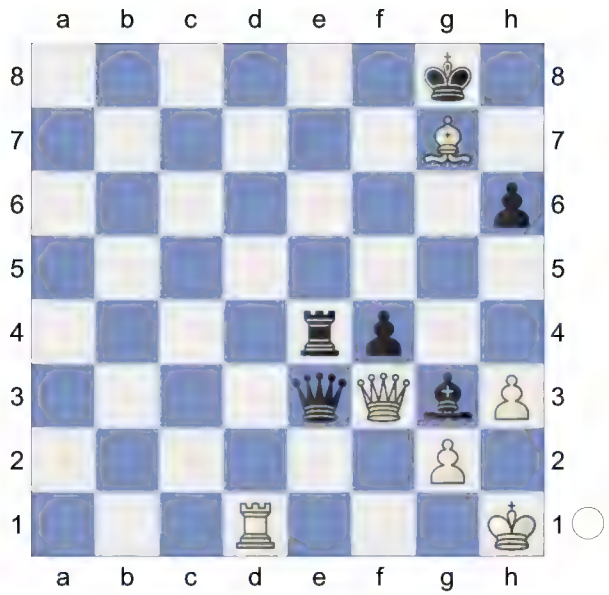

51.Bxh6 White wants to mate with Qg4+. **51...Qxf3 52.gxf3 Re2 53.Rd4 Re1+ 54.Kg2 Re2+ 55.Kh1**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) / Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

19 **B31**
□ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2548**
■ **Tsolakidou,Stavroula** **2445**
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[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qc2 Ng6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ba2 0-0 11.Be3 a6 12.Na4 b5 13.Nc5 Nce5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bd4 d6 17.Nd3 Bb7 Devaux,N (1905)-Auvray,S (2034) Issy les Moulineaux 2011 EXT 2012 [ChessBase II] 0-1]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* Hanke,L (2709)-10.Bc2 c5 11. Nbd2_15267 (2728) corr ICCF 2006 200 Traps In The Opening [CPC 1879 p37; ACJ March 1879] 1-0 (72)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 8.Na3 Be7 9.Nc2 Bg5 1-Siemer,A ICCF email 1975 Telechess CBM 89 [Alvarez,R/Van Kempen] 1-0 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 (30) 8.Na3 Be7 9. Nc2 Bg5 10.Bg5-Siemer,A ICCF email

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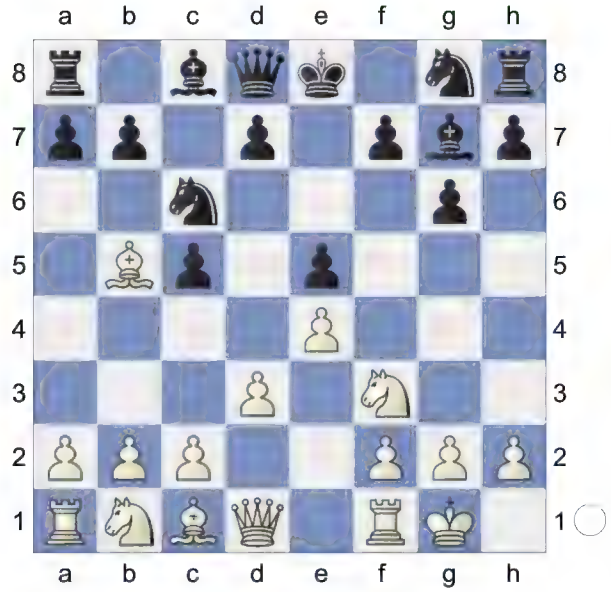
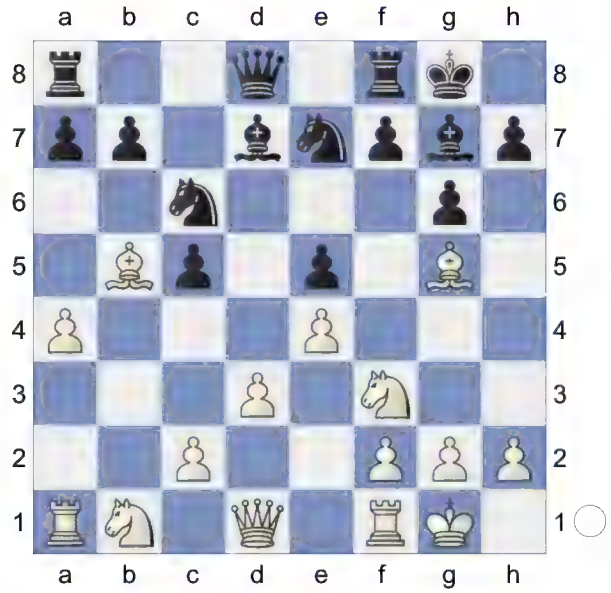
4.0-0 Bg7 5.d3 e5



6.a3 Nge7 7.b4 d6 8.bxc5 The position is equal. **8...dxc5 9.Bg5 Bd7 10.a4 0-0**



11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.c4 f5 ...Rad8 is the strong threat. **14.Nc3 Bh6 15.Re1 Rf7**

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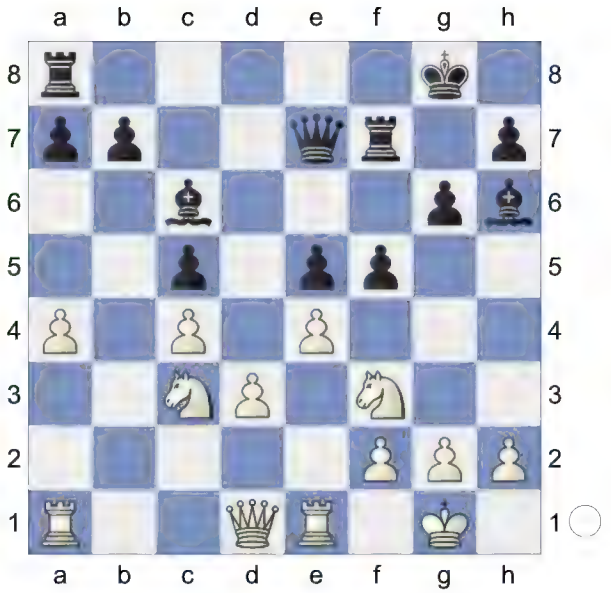


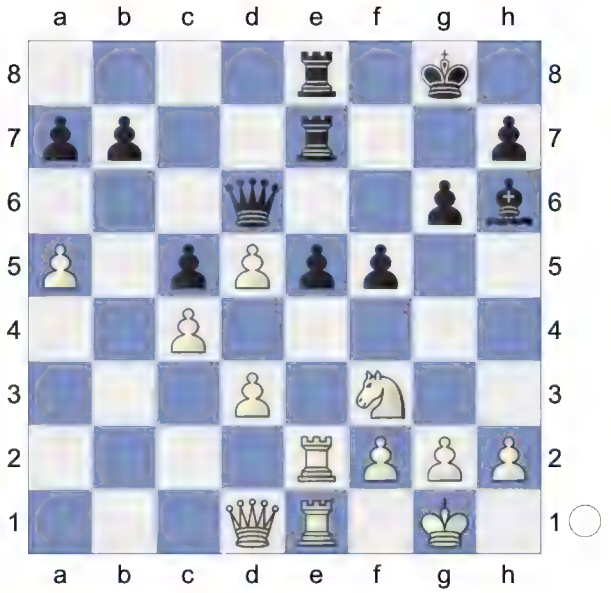
16.Nd5 Qd6 17.Ra2 Raf8 18.a5 Bxd5 1.23/18

[18...Bg7= 0.26/18 remains equal.]

19.exd5 0.79/22

[⌓19.cxd5 1.23/18 Rc8 20.Qb3]

19...Re7 20.Rae2 Rfe8



21.Qb1 Qc7 22.h4 Kf8 1.14/19

[Better is 22...Bg7 0.72/19]

23.Qa1 Bg7 24.Ng5 Prevents e4.

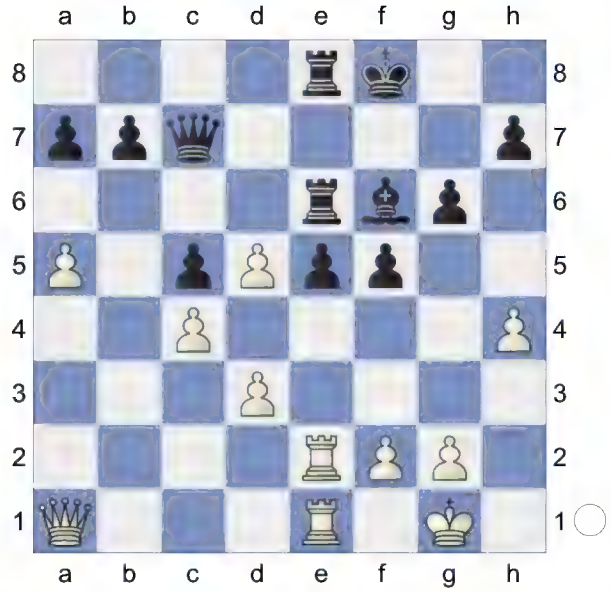
24...Bf6 1.12/21

[⌓24...Kg8 0.72/19]

25.Ne6+ 0.50/21

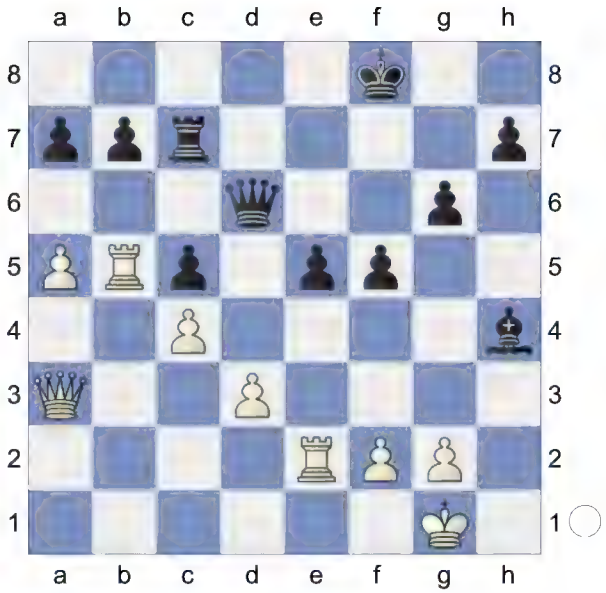
[25.Rb1± 1.12/21]

25...Rxe6±

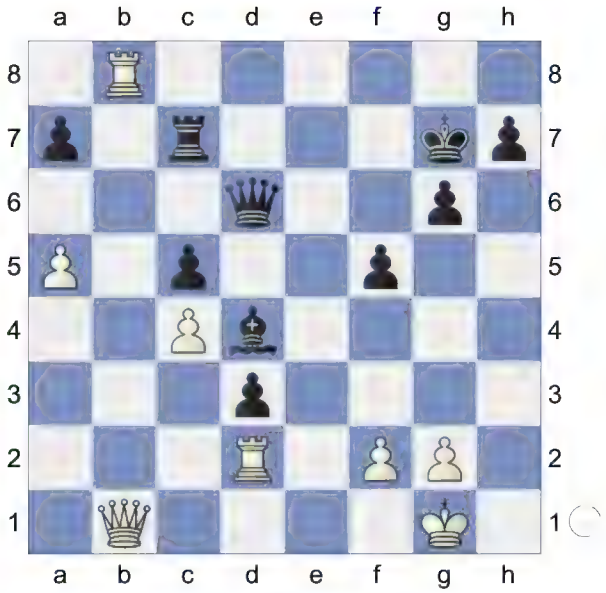


26.dxe6 Rxe6 27.Qb2 0.10/20
[27.Qa3± 0.63/19]
27...Bxh4= 28.Rb1
[Don't play 28.Rxe5 Bf6 29.d4 Bxe5 30.dxe5 Qxa5∓]
28...Re7 0.62/22
[28...b6!= 0.01/23]
29.Qa3 0.16/20
[29.Qc1± 0.62/22 is more appropriate. Bf6 30.Reb2]
29...Qd6 30.Rb5 Rc7 1.06/22
[30...e4= 0.04/21 31.Qxc5 Qxd3]

(Diagram)

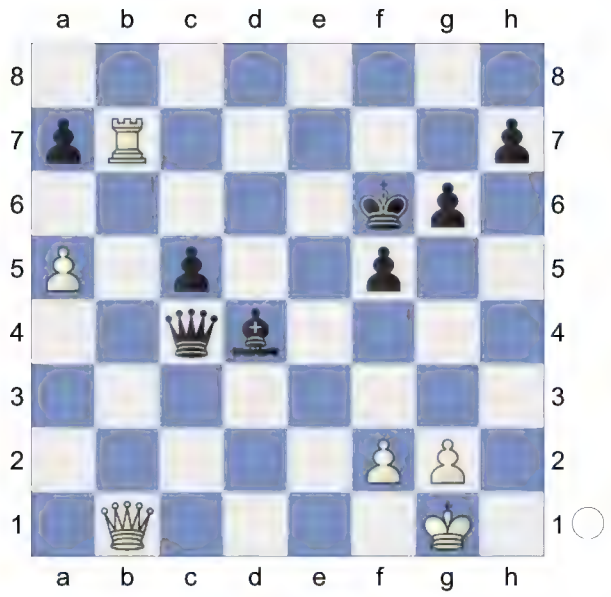


31.Qb2 Bf6 32.Rxb7 0.46/21
[32.Qb3± 0.96/22]
32...e4!± 33.Rb8+ Kg7 34.Qb1 exd3 35.Rd2 Bd4

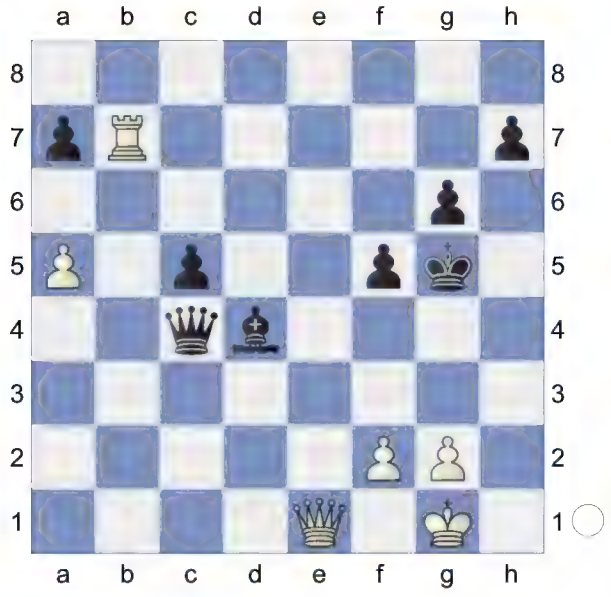


36.Rxd3 Qe6 37.Rdb3 aiming for R8b7. **37...Qxc4?** 3.20/26 This costs Black the game.
[Black should try 37...Kf6!± 0.52/22]
38.R8b7+- Rxb7 39.Rxb7+ Endgame KQR-KQB **39...Kf6**

(Diagram)



40.Qe1! Kg5



41.Rxh7 Qc2? 7.40/23
[41...a6 3.83/20 42.g3 Qc3 43.Qe7+ Bf6]
42.g3 White wants to mate with Qe7+.
42...f4 43.Qe7+? 2.41/5
[43.gxf4+ 8.09/24 Kg4 44.Kg2]
43...Bf6 44.Qe6 Threatening mate with gxf4+. White is clearly winning.
44...Qd1+ 45.Kg2 gxf4+ would kill now.
45...f3+

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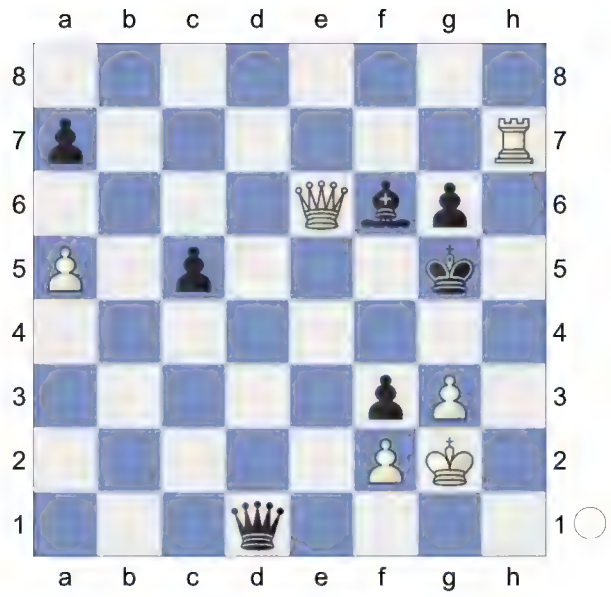
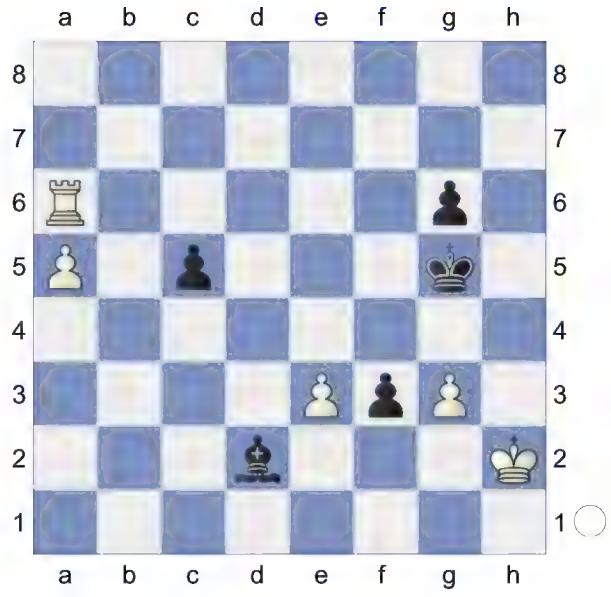


46.Kh2 Threatens to win with Rh4.
46...Qe2 47.Qe3+ Qxe3 48.fxe3 a6 49.Ra7 Bc3 9.00/25
[⌓49...Bd8 5.04/21 50.Rxa6 Bc7]
50.Rxa6 Bd2



51.Rxg6+!!

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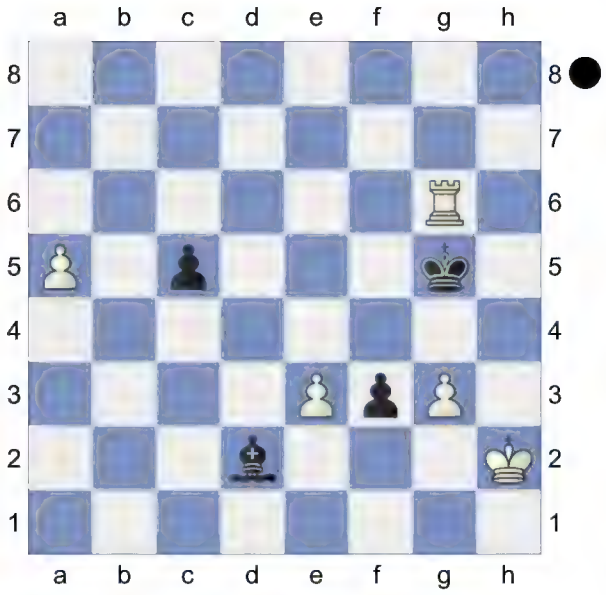

Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.35
1-0

20 **B12**
□ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2516**
■ **Divya,Deshmukh** **2470**
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation Inf 33/(179) **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3**

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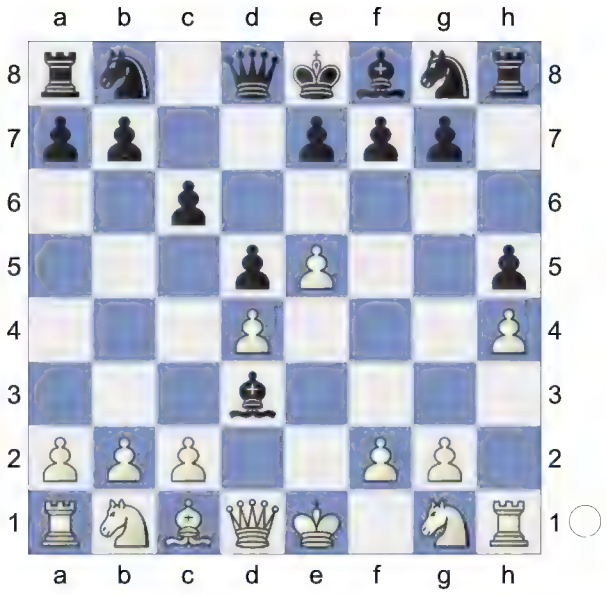
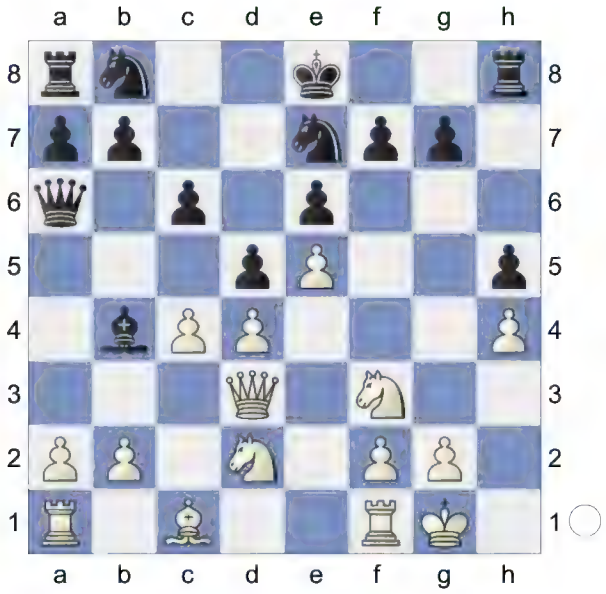


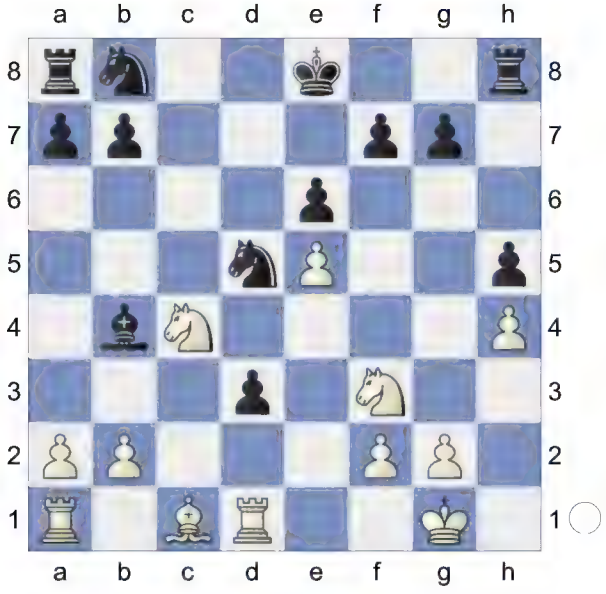
6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.Nd2 e6 8.Ngf3 White is slightly better. **8...Qa6 9.c4 Bb4**

[9...Nh6 10.b3 Nf5 11.Bb2 Be7 12.g3 Nd7 13.Qc2 g6 14.a4 b6 15.0-0 0-0 16.Rfc1 Rfc8 17.a5 Qb7 18.a6 Qb8 19.Qd3 Rc7 20.cxd5 cxd5 21.Rxc7 Qxc7 22.Rc1 Qd8 23.Qc2 b5 24.Qc6 Hou,Y (2632) - Shuvalova,P (2497) Chess.com INT 2023 Mega2023 Update 55 [MH] 1-0 (36)]

10.0-0 Ne7

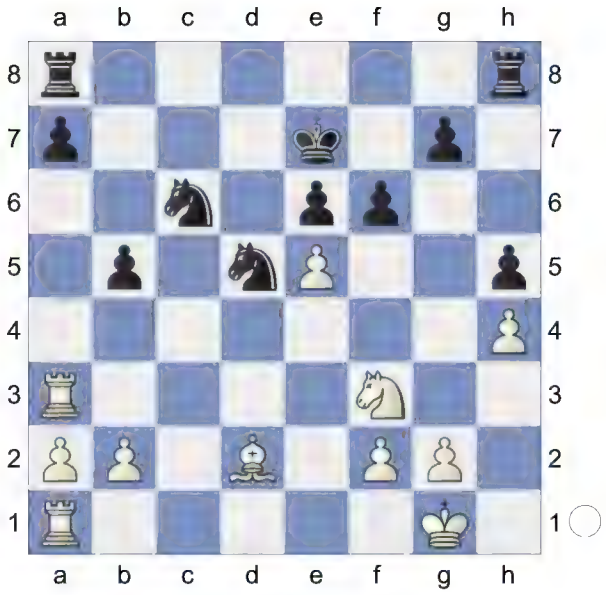


11.Rd1 c5 12.Qc2N
[12.dxc5 Nd7 13.a3 Nxc5 14.Qc2 Bxd2 15.cxd5 Bxc1 16.Raxc1 Nd7 17.dxe6 Qxe6 18.Qc7 Nd5 *(18...Nb6 19.Ng5 Qg4 20.Qxb7 Rh6 21.e6 Rxe6 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Rd3* 40. Caro-Kann 4.h4 h5 − 7.N-Caro-Kann 7.Nf3 Qa5 8.Nbd2 Qa*)* 19.Qxb7 N7b6 20.Ng5 Qe7 *(20...Qd7 21.Qa6 Rh6 22.Rd4 Rc6 23.Rcd1 Qc7 24.Qe2 g6 25.Qf3 Rc1 26.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 27.Kh2 Qc7 28.g3 Rd8 29.b4* 40. Caro-Kann 4.h4 h5 − 7. N-Caro-Kann 7.Nf3 Qa5 8.Nbd2 Qa*)* 21.Qc6+ Qd7 22.Qc2 Rh6 23.Qb3 Rc6 24.e6 fxe6 25.Qf3 Rxc1 26.Qxh5+ Ke7 40. Caro-Kann 4.h4 h5 − 7.N-Caro-Kann 7.Nf3 Qa5 8.Nbd2 Qa (31)]
12...cxd4 13.cxd5 Threatens to win with d6. **13...d3 14.Qc4 Qxc4 15.Nxc4 Nxd5**

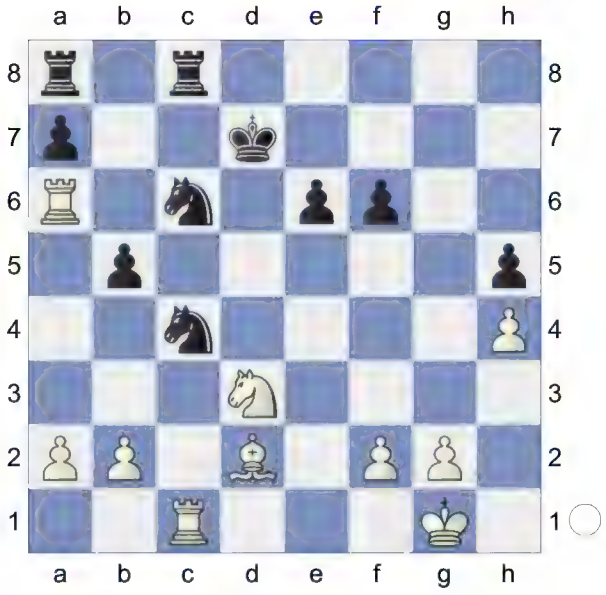


16.Rxd3 Nc6 17.Bg5 f6 18.Bd2 b5 19.Na3 Bxa3 20.Rxa3 Ke7 0.55/21
[20...0-0-0= 0.15/18 might be stronger.]

(Diagram)



21.Rc1± Rhc8 22.exf6+ gxf6 23.Ra6 Kd7 24.Ne1 0.01/21
[24.a3± 0.50/18]
24...Nb6 0.98/20
[24...Ndb4!= 0.01/21 keeps the balance. 25.Ra3 Nd5]
25.Nd3± Nc4 1.78/22
[25...Nb8± 1.18/21 26.Rxc8 Kxc8]

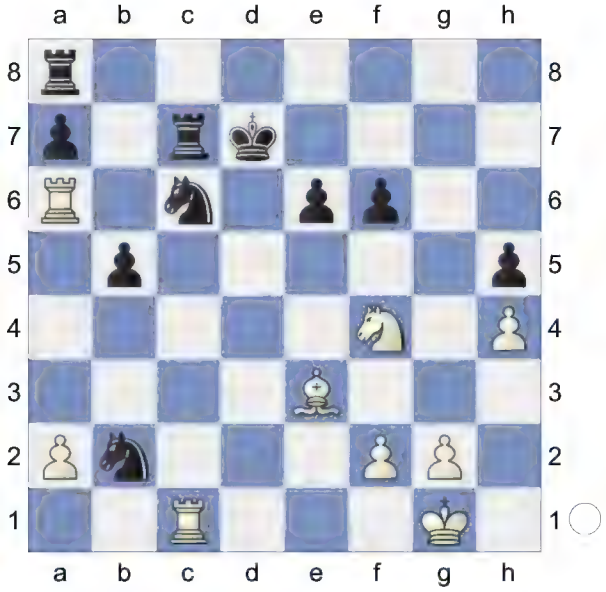


26.Be3↑ 1.06/20 White is in control.
[26.Nf4!+- 1.78/22]
26...Rc7 1.64/21
[26...Nb8± 1.06/20 27.Rxa7+ Rxa7

28.Bxa7 Nc6]

27.Nf4+- Nxb2 2.41/23

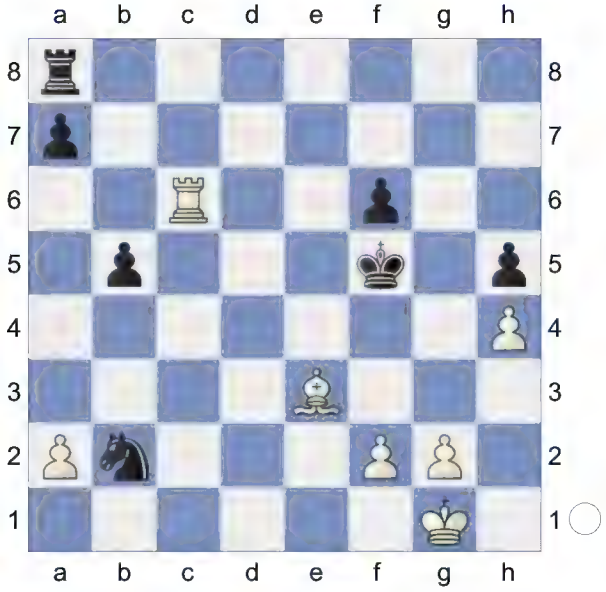
[27...f5 1.64/21 might work better. 28.Rd1+ *(28.Nxh5 Nb4∓)* 28...Ke7 29.Bc5+ *(29.Nxh5 Nb4∓)* 29...Kf7]



28.Nxe6! Decoy **28...Kxe6 29.Rcxc6+**

[29.Raxc6+?! Rxc6 30.Rxc6+ Kf5]

29...Rxc6 30.Rxc6+ Endgame KRB-KRN **30...Kf5**



31.Bd4!

[Much less strong is 31.Rc5+ Kg6 32.Rxb5 Nc4±]

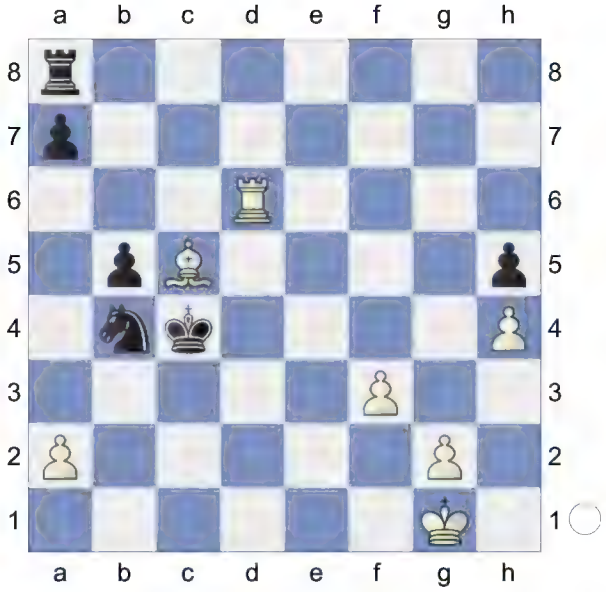
31...Nd3 2.79/21

[31...Nc4 1.76/21 was called for. 32.Rxf6+ Ke4]

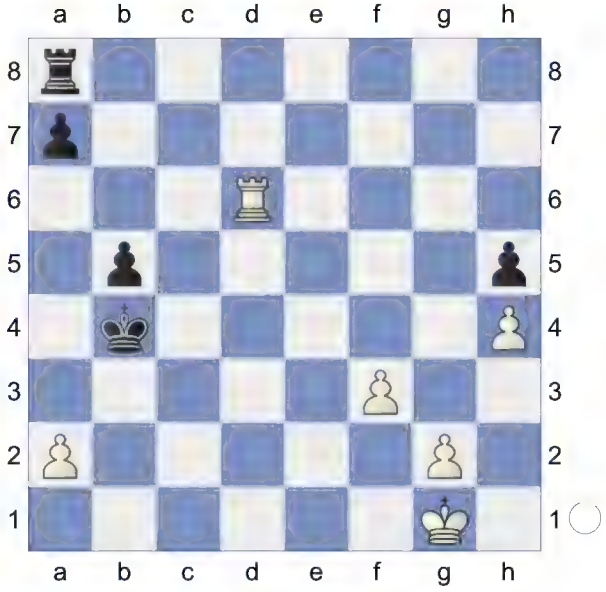
32.Rxf6+ Ke4 33.Rd6 Nb4 3.70/23

[⌓33...Nf4 2.42/22]

34.f3+ Kd3 35.Bc5+ Kc4



36.Bxb4 Kxb4



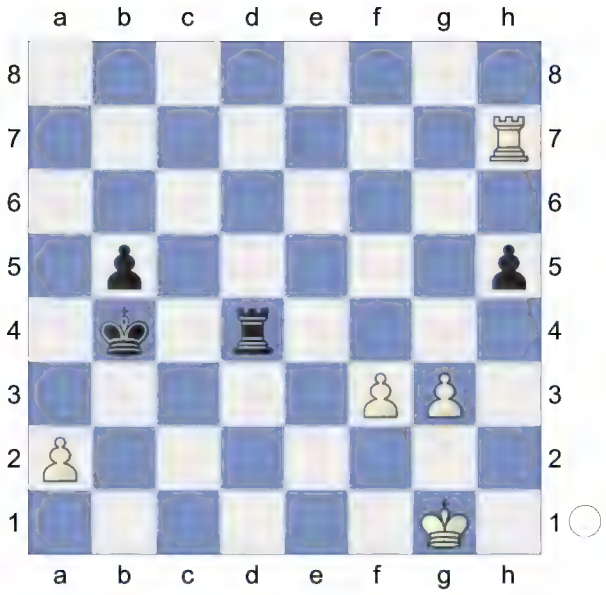
KR-KR **37.Ra6**

[And not 37.Rh6 a6±]

37...Rf8 2.65/24

[37...Kc4± 1.43/21 38.Kf2 *(38.Rh6 b4=)* 38...b4]

38.Rxa7 Rf4 39.Rh7 Rxh4 40.g3 Rd4

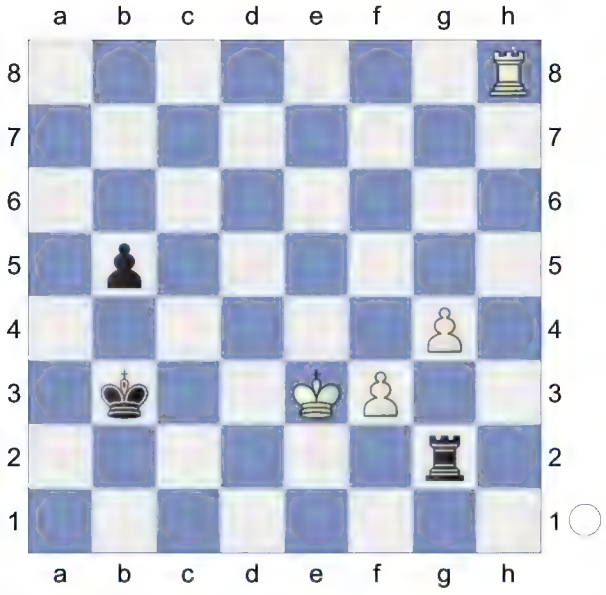


41.Rxh5 Rd1+ 42.Kf2 Strongly threatening Ke3. **42...Rd2+ 43.Ke3 Rxa2 44.g4** Hoping for g5. **44...Rg2** 2.28/22

[44...Kc4± 1.41/21]

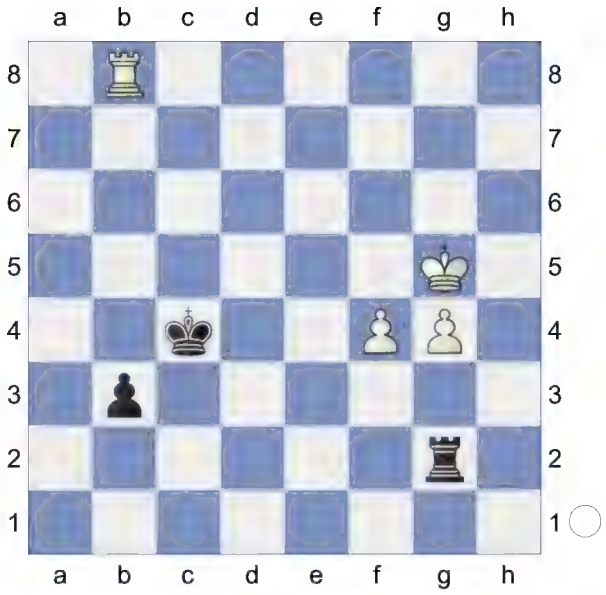
45.Rh8 Kb3? 5.20/24

[45...Kc5 2.57/23 was worth a try. 46.Kd3 Rg1 47.Rc8+ Kd6]

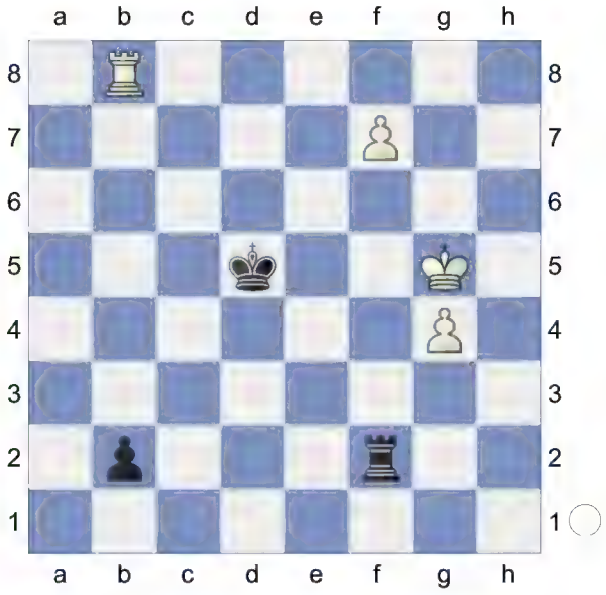


46.Kf4 b4 47.Kg5 Kc3 48.Rc8+ Kd3 49.Rb8 aiming for f4. **49...Kc4 50.f4 b3**

(Diagram)



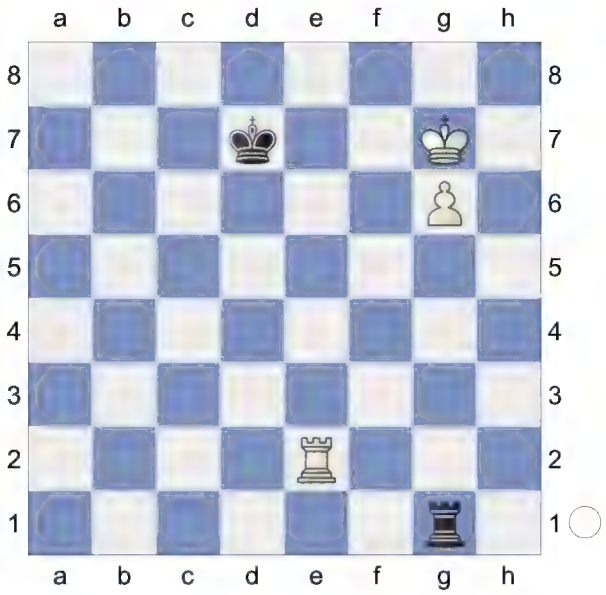
51.f5 b2 52.f6 Kd5 53.f7 Rf2



54.Rxb2!! Rxf7 55.Kg6 Rf1

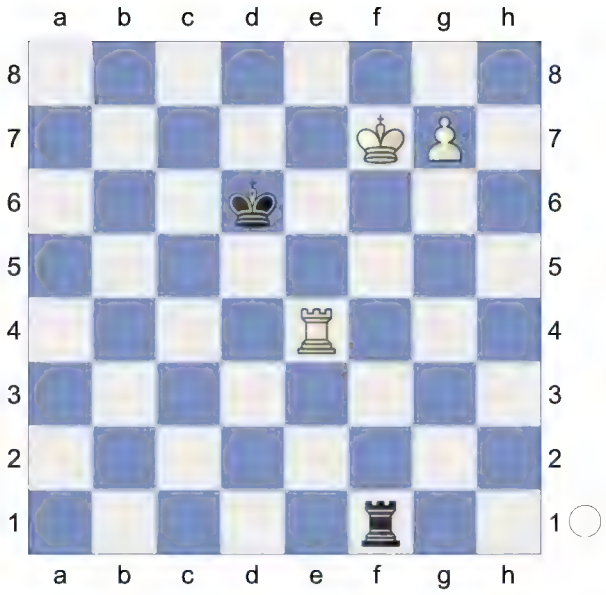
(Diagram)

56.Re2 Kd6 57.g5 Rg1 58.Kf6 Rf1+ 59.Kg7 Rg1 60.g6 Kd7

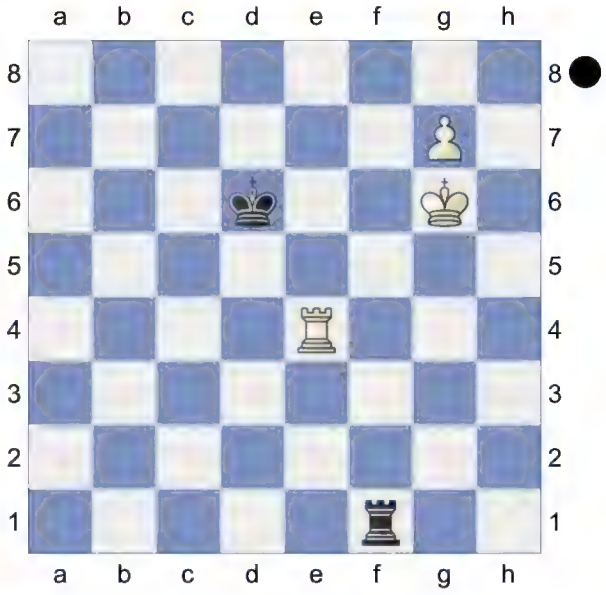


61.Kf7 Re6 would kill now. **61...Rf1+ 62.Kg8 Rg1 63.g7 Rh1 64.Re4 Kd6 65.Kf7 Rf1+**

(Diagram)



66.Kg6



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21 **E32**
□ **Divya,Deshmukh** **2470**
■ **Dzagnidze,Nana** **2513**
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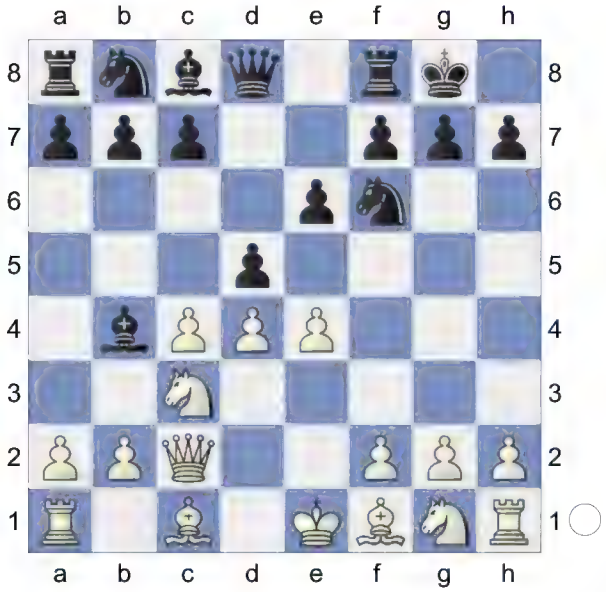
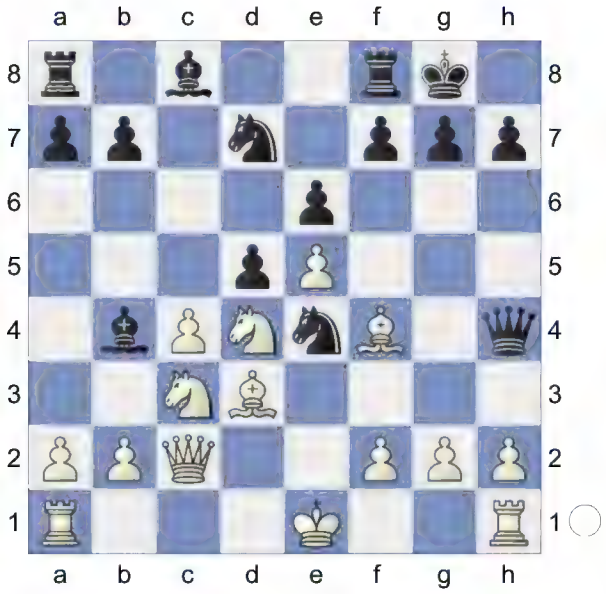
[Kitty Kat]

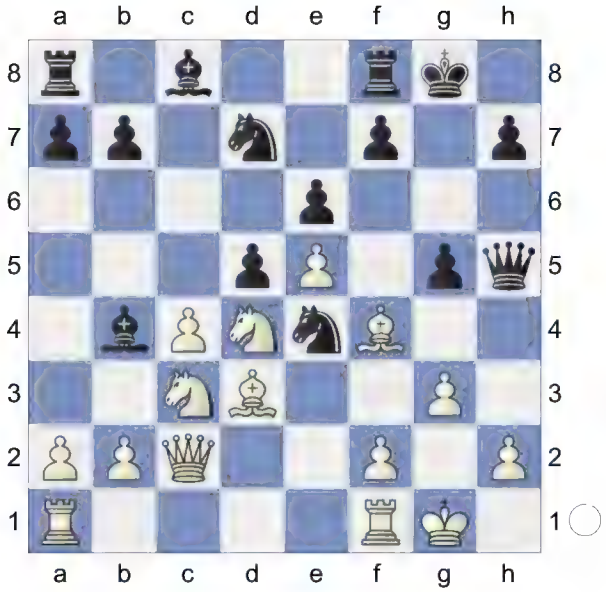
E32: Nimzo-Indian: Classical (4 Qc2): 4... 0-0 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.e4 d5**



6.e5 Ne4 7.Bd3 c5! 8.Nf3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nd7! 10.Bf4 The position is equal. **10...Qh4**



11.g3 Qh5 12.0-0 g5



13.cxd5! Bxc3N

[13...gxf4 14.dxe6 Nxc3 15.exd7 fxg3 *(15...Bxd7 16.bxc3 fxg3 17.fxg3 Rac8 18.Bxh7+ Kg7 19.e6 fxe6 20.Rxf8 Bxf8 21.Be4 Bc5 22.Kh1 e5 23.Nb3 Bb6 24.c4 Rh8 25.c5 Bc7 26.Re1 Bg4 27.Qf2 Rf8 28.Qe3 Rh8 29.h4 b6 30.Nd2* Khismatullin,D (2604)-Esipenko,A (2682) Russia 2020 Chess Informant 147 [Paunovic,Tomislav] ½-½ (42) *)* 16.hxg3 Bxd7 17.bxc3 Rac8 18.Bf5 Bxc3 19.Bxd7 Bxa1 20.Bxc8 Bxd4 21.Bxb7 Qxe5 22.Kg2 Rb8 23.Rb1 Kg7 24.Qd3 Qf6 25.Qe2 Re8 26.Qg4+ Kf8 27.Bf3 Qg6 28.Qxd4 Logan,T (2732)-Marosi,G (2726) corr CIF 2012 CBM 146 [FS 12/1979 p311] ½-½ (32) Qxb1 29.Qh8+ Ke7 30.Qe5+ Kf8 31.Qh8+ Ke7 32.Qe5+ ½-½ (32) Leko,P (2732)-Dominguez Perez,L (2726) Toshkent 2012 CBM 152 [Marin,Mihail]]

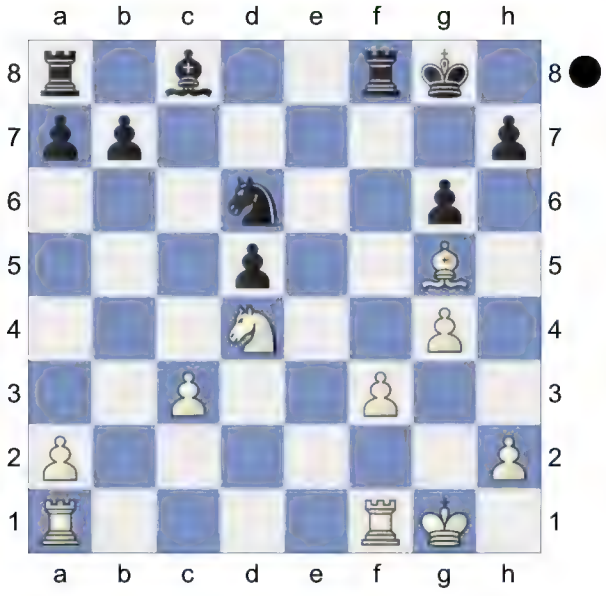
14.bxc3 exd5 15.Be3 Nxe5

(Diagram)

White should prevent ...Ng4. Pair of Knights! **16.f3** Against Ng4 **16...Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Nd6 18.g4 Qg6 19.Qxg6+ fxg6** 0.49/21

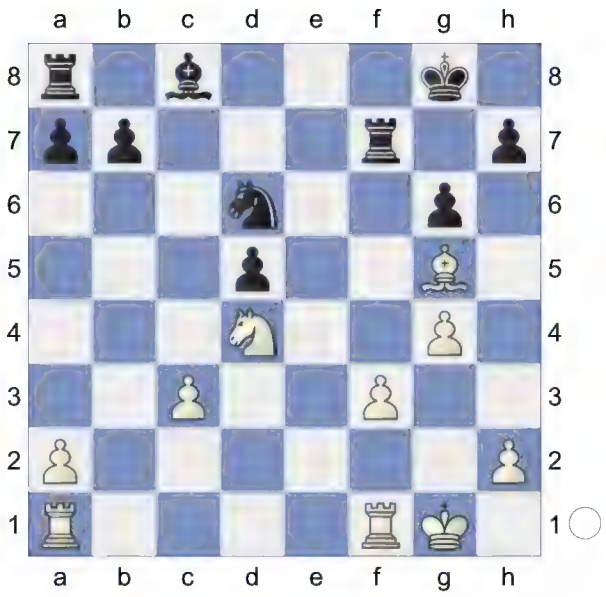
[Black should play 19...hxg6= -0.24/22 20.Bxg5 f6]

20.Bxg5±

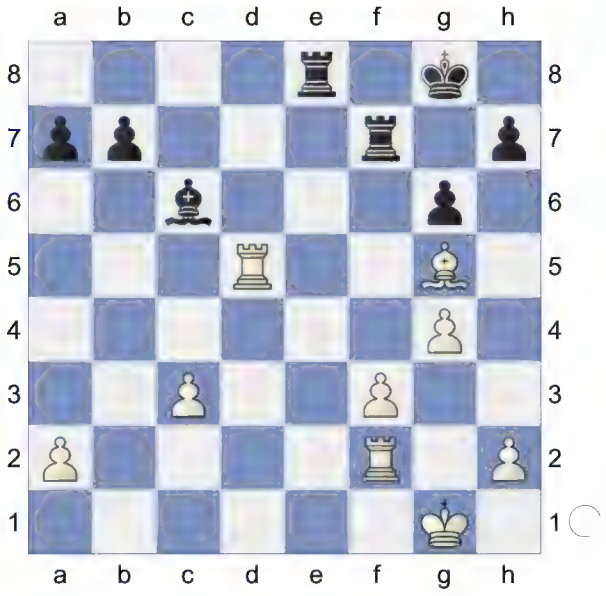


Strongly threatening Be7. **20...Rf7**

(Diagram)



Against Be7 **21.Rae1 Bd7 22.Re5** &Bianco is more active. **22...Nb5 23.Nxb5 Bxb5 24.Rf2 Re8 25.Rxd5 Bc6**



26.Rd3 h5 27.h3 Re5 28.Be3 0.21/21

[28.Bd8± 0.60/18]

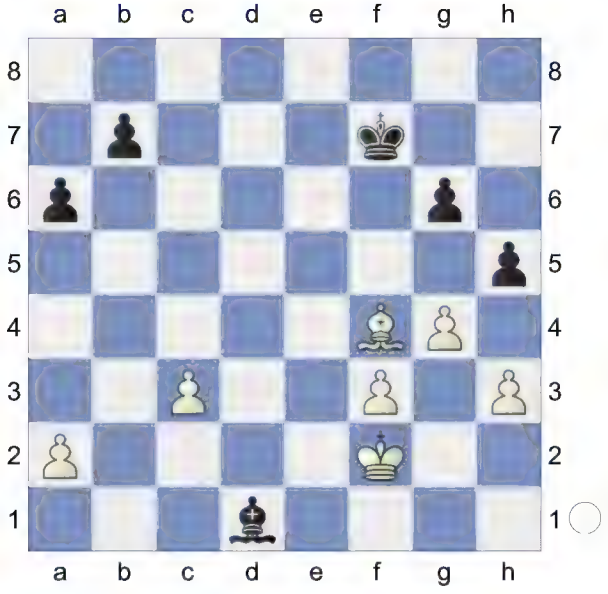
28...a6 0.72/21

[28...Bxf3= 0.21/21 29.Rd8+ *(29.Bxa7 hxg4 30.Rd8+ Kh7=)* 29...Kh7]

29.Kg2± Rfe7 30.Bf4 Re2

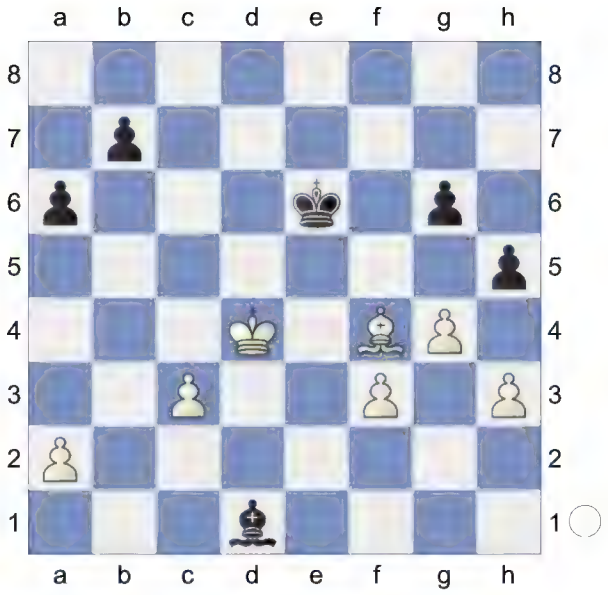
(Diagram)

31.Rd8+ Kf7 32.Rd2 0.34/21
[32.c4± 0.83/19]
32...Bb5 0.75/25
[32...Rxd2± 0.34/21 feels stronger.
33.Rxd2 Re1]
33.Rfxe2 Rxe2+ 34.Rxe2 Bxe2
Endgame KB-KB **35.Kf2 Bd1**

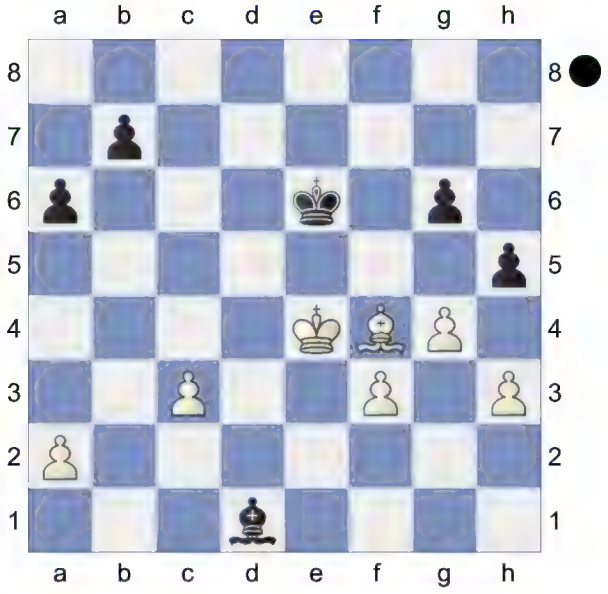


36.Ke3 Ke6 37.Ke4 Bc2+ 38.Kd4 Bd1 39.Ke4 0.01/22
[39.Ke3± 0.80/28]
39...Bc2+!= 40.Kd4 Bd1!

(Diagram)



41.Ke4 -0.01/38
[41.Ke3± 0.33/26 might be stronger.]



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22 **D40**
□ **Tsolakidou,Stavroula** **2445**
■ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2516**
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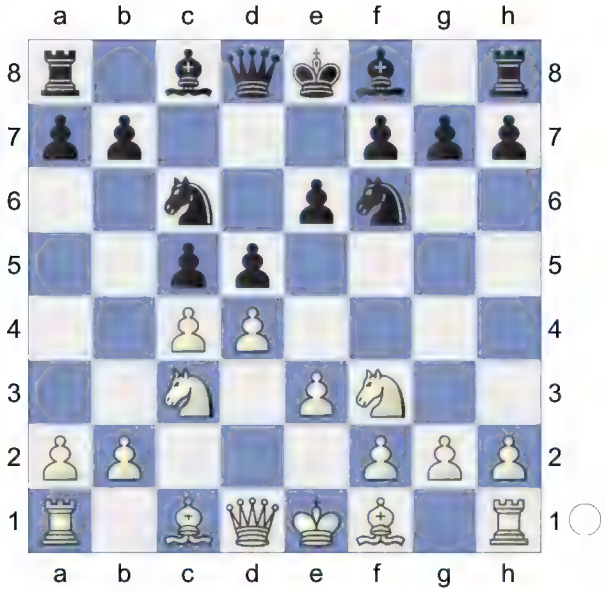
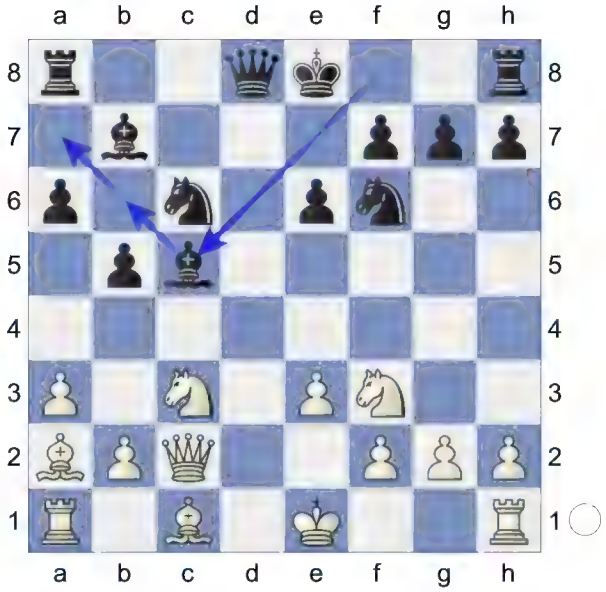
[Kitty Kat]

D40: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Tarrasch with 5 e3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c5 5.e3 Nc6**



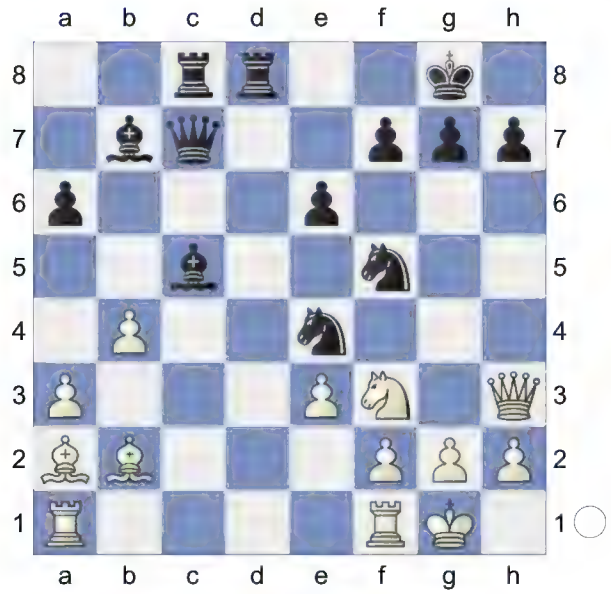
6.a3 dxc4
[6...cxd4 7.exd4 Be7 8.c5 Ne4 9.Qc2 f5 10.Bb5 0-0 11.0-0 Bf6 12.Ne2 g5 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Ne5 Ba6 15.Nd3 e5 16.dxe5 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Bxe5 18.Be3 Bxb2 19.Rab1 Rb8 20.f3 f4 21.Bd4 Caruana,F (2773) -Georgiev,V (2566) Istanbul 2012 CBM 151 [Erenburg, Sergey] 1-0 (36)]
7.Bxc4 a6 8.Ba2N
[8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.b4 Ba7 12.Bb2 e5 13.Qb1 Bg4 14.Ne4 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Nd5 16.Bc4 Nc7 17.Kh1 Kh8 18.Rg1 h6 19.Qf1 Qh4 20.Qg2 Ne8 21.f4 Bb8 22.Rad1 Qe7 Petkov,M (2499)-Kanyamarala,T (2329) Mexico City 2023 1-0 23.Nc5 Bd6 24.Nxb7 Qxb7 25.Rxd6 Rc8 26.Bd5 1-0 (26) 6.d5 Bg7 7.g3_52745 (2499)-11.b3 b5 12.Bb2 e5_15593 (2329) Biel 2023 The Week in Chess 273 [John Watson]]
8...b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 The position is equal.
[9...cxd4 10.exd4 *(10.Ne2 Bb7∓)* 10...Ne7 11.0-0]
10.dxc5 Bxc5



11.Nxb5! Bb6 12.Nc3 Rc8 13.Qa4 0-0 14.0-0 Qc7 15.Qh4 Rfd8

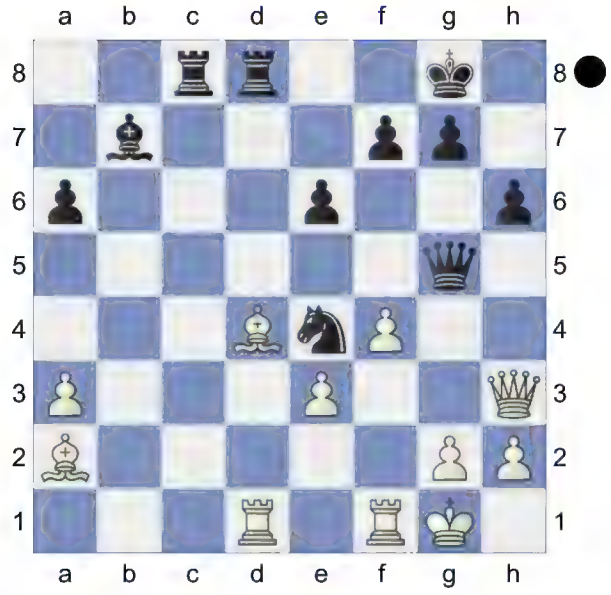
16.Na4 -0.47/21
[16.Qg3= 0.01/19]

16...Ba7∓ Black has compensation. **17.b4 Ne7! 18.Bb2 Nf5 19.Qh3 Ne4** Prevents Ng5. **20.Nc5! Bxc5**



21.bxc5 Qxc5 Threatens to win with ... Nxe3! **22.Nd4 Nxd4 23.Bxd4** A strong pair of Bishops. **23...Qg5 24.Rad1 h6 25.f4** -1.09/22

[25.Rb1∓ -0.68/22 Bd5 26.f4]



25...Qe7!∓

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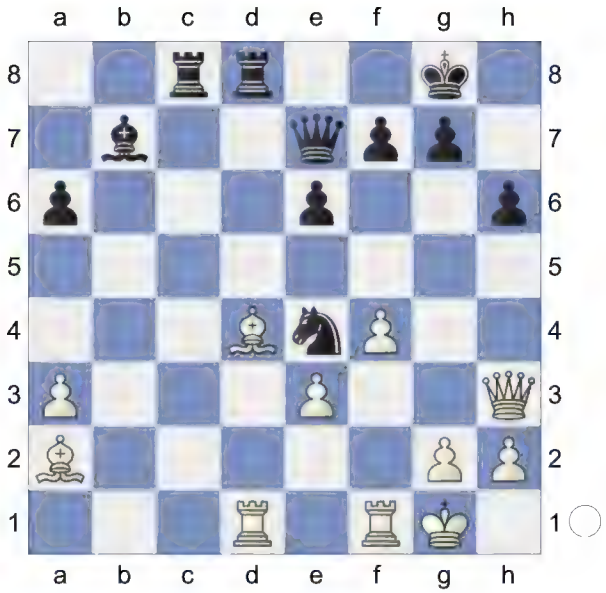


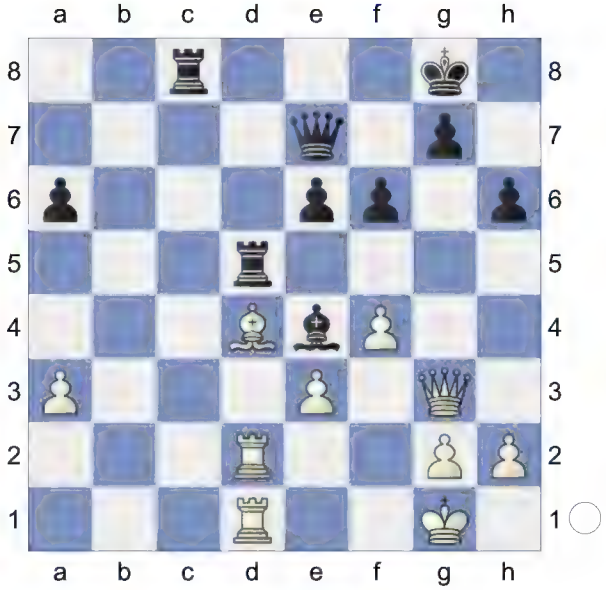
26.Bb1 Against Rc2 **26...Nc3 27.Rd2**

[Don't go for 27.Qg4? f5 28.Qg6 Nxd1 29.Rxd1 Rd6-+]

27...Nxb1 28.Rxb1 Be4 29.Rbd1 -1.28/22

[⌓29.Ra1 -0.91/22]

29...Rd5 30.Qg3 f6

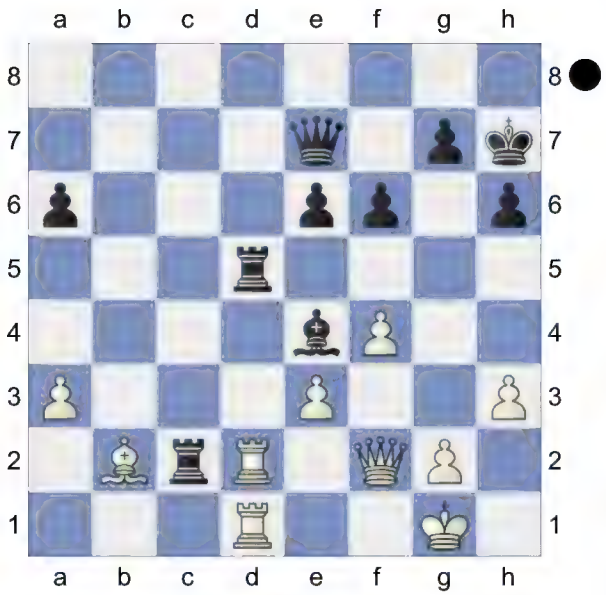


Active counter play! **31.h3 Kh7 32.Bb2** -1.45/24

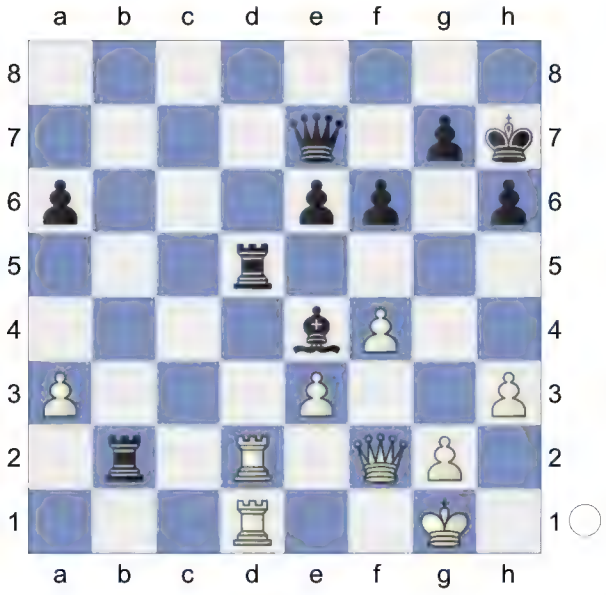
[⌓32.Qg4 -0.90/21]

32...Rc2 33.Qf2 -9.04/24

[33.Qe1∓ -1.40/24]



33...Rxb2!



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23 **C53**

□ **Zhu,Jiner** **2514**

■ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2548**

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[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6**

[4...d6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Re8 10.h3 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Nxe4 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Rxe4 Kf8 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.Qd3 h6 17.Re1 Qf7 18.Qh7 Bf5 19.Qh8+ 15.de6 Be6 16.Nd5_21371 (1454)-4. dxe5 dxe5 5. Qxd8+ (1039) W-ch M corr 2023 The Week in Chess 404 [John Watson] 1-0 (37)]

5.d3 d6N

[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic, Z (2536) Novi Sad 2003 CI1-130 [Ilincic,Zlatko] 0-1 (45) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2018 Juniors [Dragan Solak] 1-0 (45) Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 (45) Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) Brest 2018 EXT 2019

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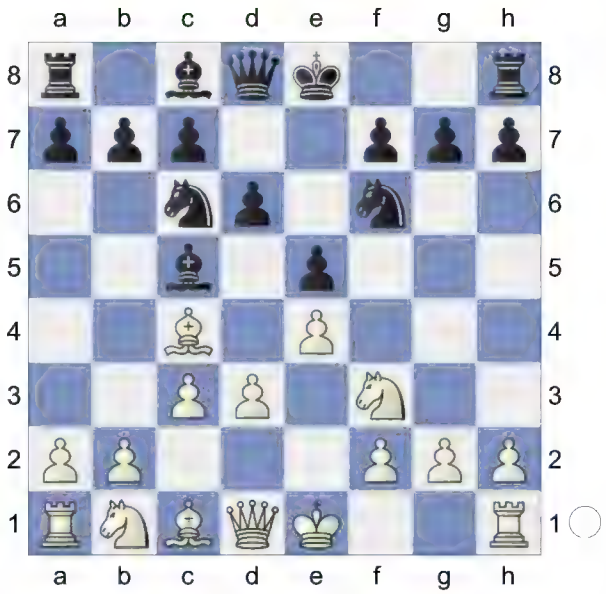
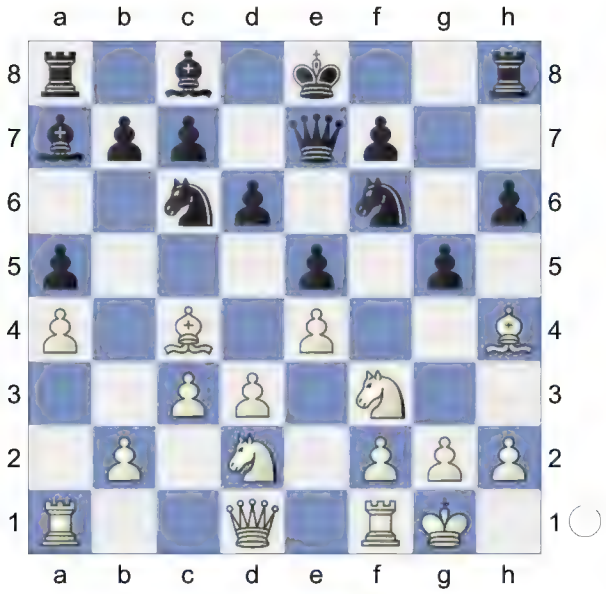
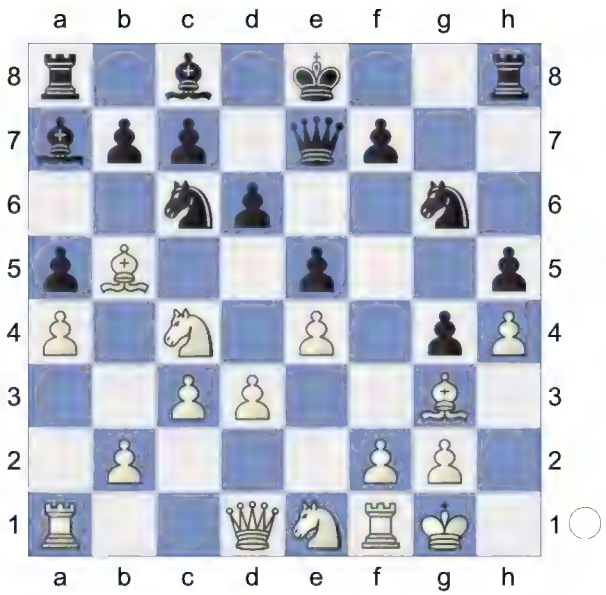


6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 a5 8.Nbd2 Ba7 9.a4 Qe7 10.0-0 g5

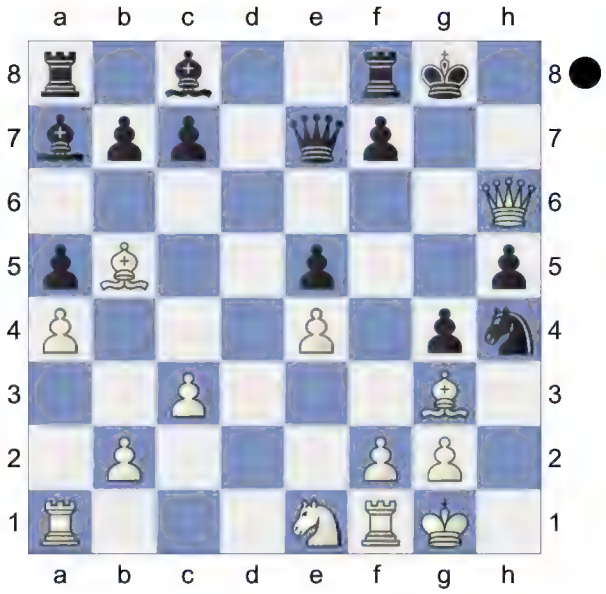


11.Bg3 Nd7 12.Bb5 h5! And now ...h4 would win. **13.h4 g4 14.Ne1 Nf8 15.Nc4 Ng6**

(Diagram)

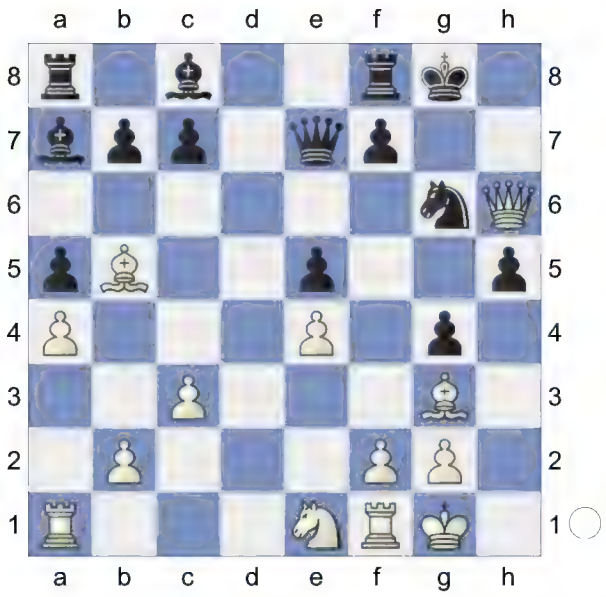


16.d4 0-0 17.dxe5 -0.36/19
[17.Bxc6= 0.26/19 bxc6 18.Nxa5]
17...Ncxe5∓ 18.Qd2 Nxh4 19.Nxe5 dxe5 20.Qh6

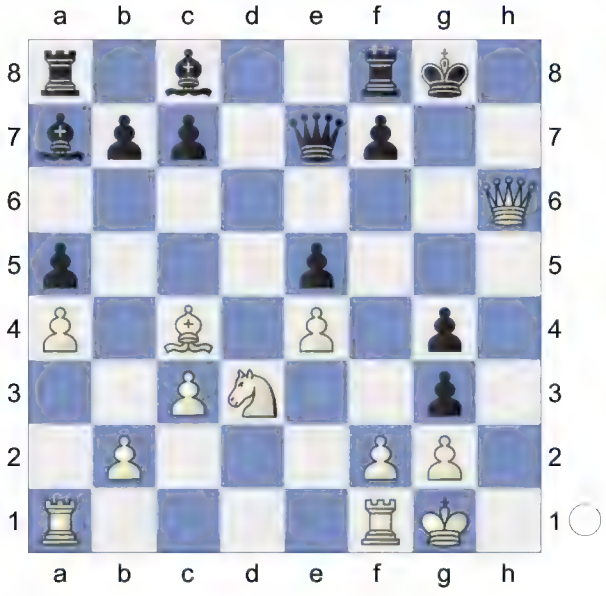


Hoping for Bc4. **20...Ng6**

(Diagram)

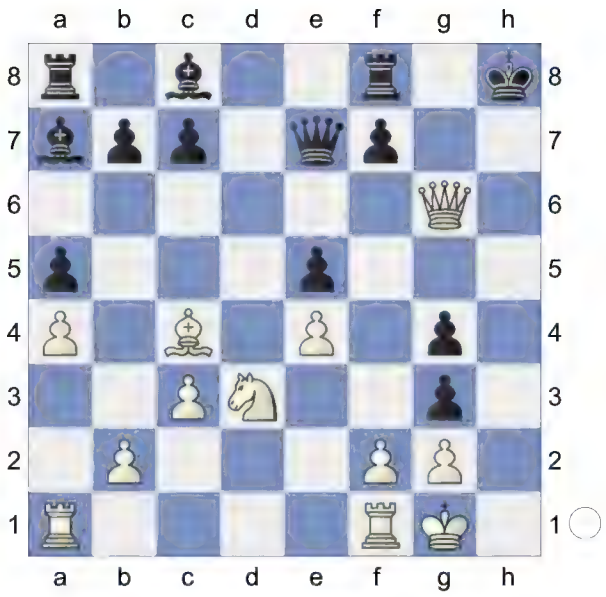


21.Nd3 -0.80/21
[21.Rd1!= 0.01/23]
21...h4∓ 22.Bc4 White threatens Qxg6+ and mate. **22...hxg3** -0.01/18
[22...Be6∓ -1.00/25 23.Bxe6 Qxe6 24.Bxh4 Nxh4 25.Qxh4 f6]
23.Qxg6+!= The position is equal.
23...Kh8 24.Qh6+ Kg8

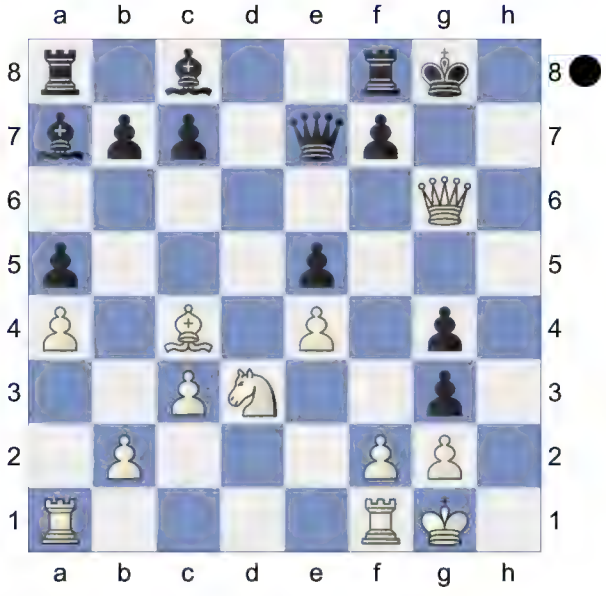


aiming for ...Be6. **25.Qg6+ Kh8**

(Diagram)



26.Qh6+ Kg8 White must now prevent ... Be6. **27.Qg6+**



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½-½

24 **E60**
□ **Badelka,Olga** **2429**
■ **Muzychuk,Mariya** **2490**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (5.4) 19.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E60: King's Indian: Unusual lines and Fianchetto Variation without Nc3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.h4N**

[3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qd2 d6 9.Rd1 c6 10.b3 d5 11.Nge2 Qa5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd5 Re8 14.Ng3 Neg4 15.fxg4 Qb6 16.Be2 Qxe3 17.Qxe3 Rxe3 Gomez Vasquez, L-Machado Escanio,M 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Rare moves 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]]

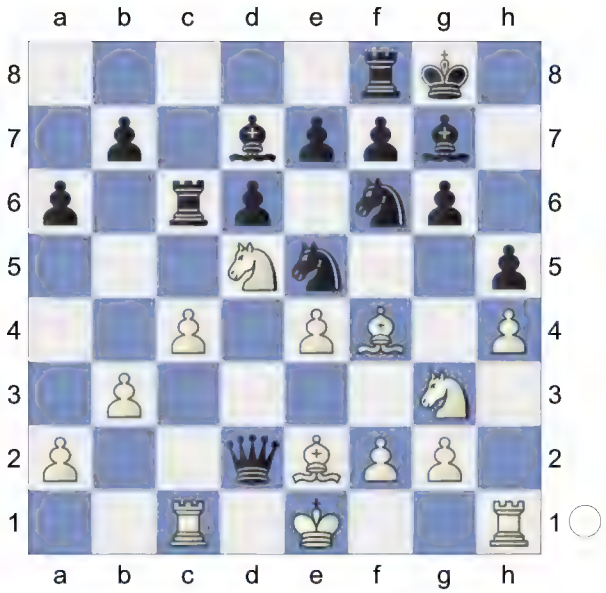
[3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c5 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Nc3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.e3 d6 *(9...Ne5 10.Qe2 d6 11.Bd2 Bg4 12.f3 Bd7 13.Nd5 Qd8 14.Rac1 a6 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Bc3 Rb8 17.b3 Re8 18.f4 Nc6 19.Nxc6 Bxc6 20.Bxf6 exf6 21.Rfd1 Qe7 22.Rc3 Rbd8 23.Rd4 f5 24.Qd2* Ilincic,Z (2311)-Krzywda,A (2249) Budapest 2022 ½-½ (54) *)* 10.h3 Bd7 11.Qe2 Rfc8 12.Rd1 Rab8 13.Bd2 Qe5 14.Nc2 a6 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.cxd5 Na7 17.Bc3 Qg5 Ding,L (2764)-Svidler,P (2742) Novi Sad 2016 CBM 176 [Sumets,Andrey] 0-1 (44)]

[3.Nd2 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Ngf3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.0-0 Re8 9.h3 Na6 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nf1 exd5 12.cxd5 c4 13.Bc2 Nc5 14.Ng3 Bb5 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bd2 Nfd7 17.Bc3 Ba6 Lazarevic,M (2646)-9.b3 Re8 10.h3_68766 (2531) Cande 2017 200 Traps In The Opening [Adly, Ahmed] 1-0 (31) 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.b4 cxb3 20.axb3 Ne5 21.Nd4 Qf6 22.Qd2 Kh7 23.b4 Ncd3 24.Bxd3 Nxd3 25.Rxa6 Qxd4 26.Ra3 Qxb4 27.Rxd3 Qxd2 28.Rxd2 b5 29.Rb1 Rab8 30.Ra2 Re7 31.Rb4 Chapter E50-Games Game 2 (31)]

3...Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Nc6

6.Nge2 0-0 7.d5 Ne5 8.Ng3 h5 9.Be2 c6 10.Bf4 Bd7

11.Qd2 Rc8 12.dxc6 Rxc6 13.b3! Qa5 14.Rc1 a6 15.Nd5 Qxd2+
(Diagram)



16.Kxd2 Nxd5

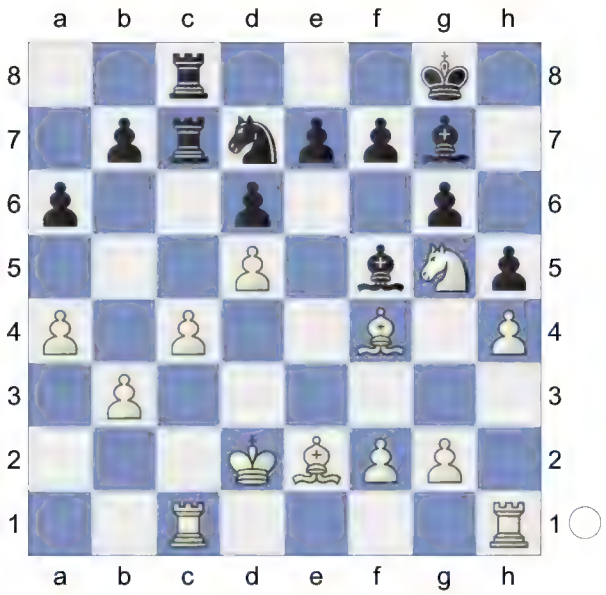
[16...Re8 is interesting. 17.Bg5 a5 18.Rhf1 Rc5]

17.exd5 Rc7 18.Ne4 Rfc8 19.a4! Bf5 20.Ng5 -1.47/23

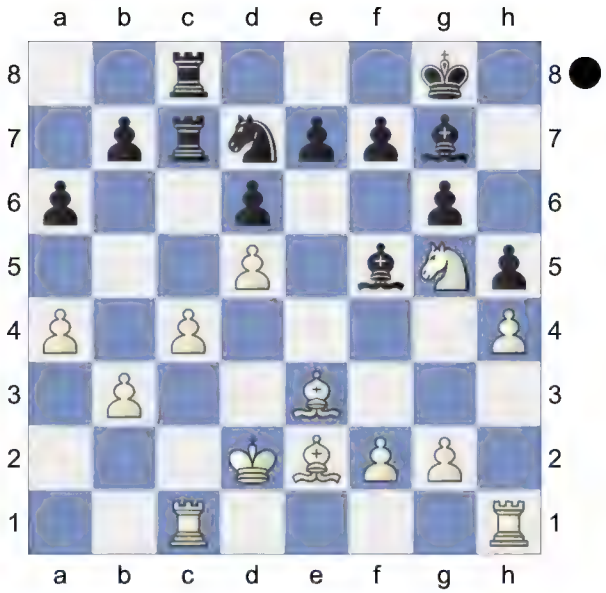
[20.Ng3= 0.06/20]

20...Nd7 -1.09/21

[⌓20...b5 -1.47/23 aiming for ...bxa4. 21.cxb5 Rc2+ 22.Rxc2 Rxc2+ 23.Ke3 axb5 24.Bxe5 Bxe5 25.Bxb5 Rc3+ 26.Ke2 Rxb3]



21.Be3∓



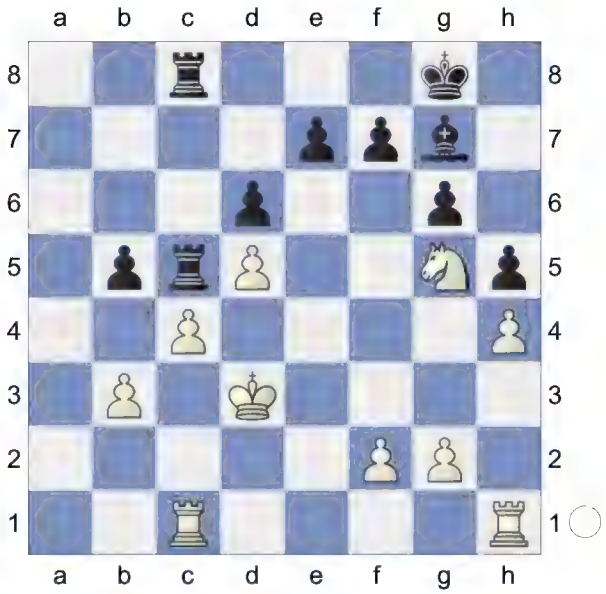
Nc5 -0.68/22 Inhibits Bd3.

[21...b5!∓ -1.29/21 Hoping for ...Bb2. 22.f3 bxc4 23.Rxc4 Nc5 24.Bxc5 Rxc5 25.Rxc5 Rxc5]

22.Bxc5∓ Rxc5 23.Bd3 Bxd3 -0.35/21

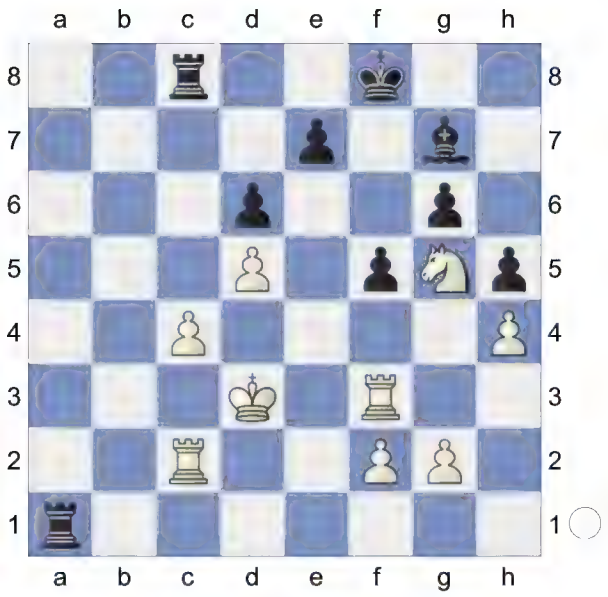
[Better is 23...b5∓ -0.74/21 And now ...bxc4 would win. 24.b4 *(24.axb5 Bxd3 25.Kxd3 axb5∓)* 24...Rxc4 25.Bxc4 bxc4]

24.Kxd3 b5! 25.axb5 axb5

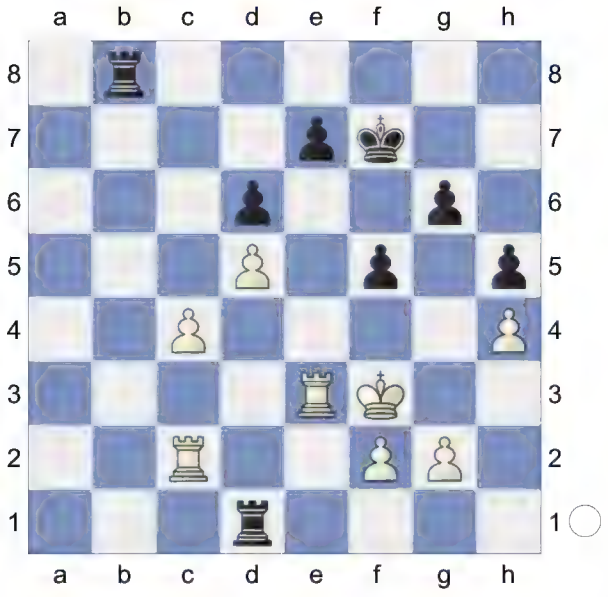


26.Rhe1 Kf8 27.Rc2 bxc4+ 28.bxc4 Ra5 29.Re3 Ra1 30.Rf3 f5

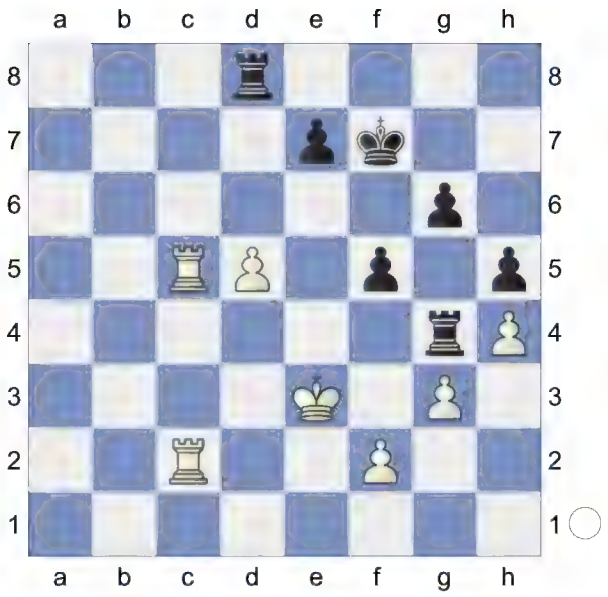
(Diagram)



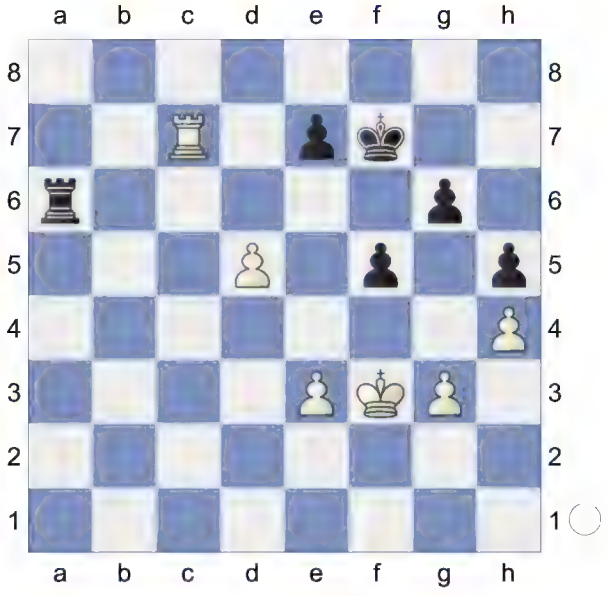
31.Ne6+ Kf7 32.Nxg7
[32.Ng5+ is more complex. Kg8 33.Ke2 Bf6 34.g3]
32...Kxg7= Endgame KRR-KRR **33.Ke2** Inhibits Rd1. **33...Rb8 34.Re3 Kf7 35.Kf3 Rd1**



36.g3 Rc8 37.Rec3 Rd4 38.Ke3! Rg4 39.c5 -0.38/25
[39.Ke2= -0.01/22]
39...dxc5 -0.01/23
[39...Kf6!∓ -0.38/25]
40.Rxc5 The position is equal. **40...Rd8**
(Diagram)

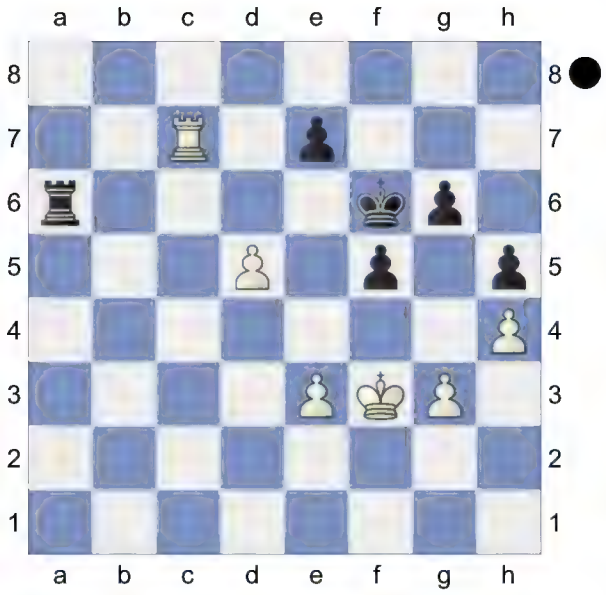


41.Re2 Ra8 42.Kf3 Ra3+ 43.Re3 Rxe3+ 44.fxe3 KR-KR **44...Ra4 45.Rc7 Ra6**

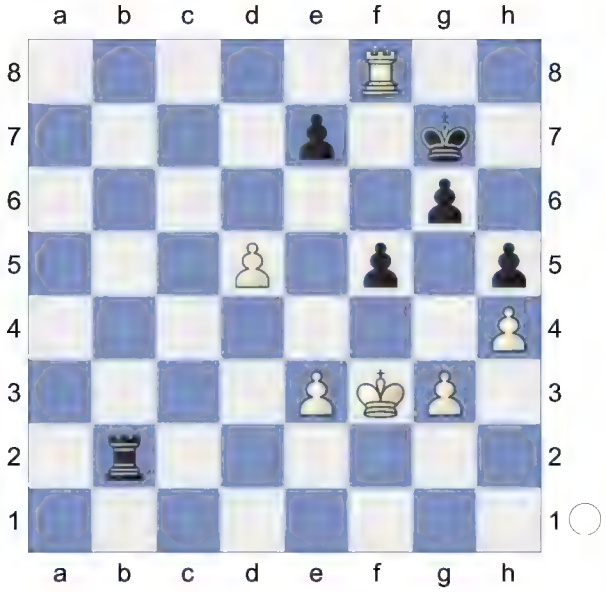


46.Kf4 Kf6 47.Kf3
[47.Rc6+ Rxc6 48.dxc6 e5+ 49.Kf3 Ke7-+]

(Diagram)

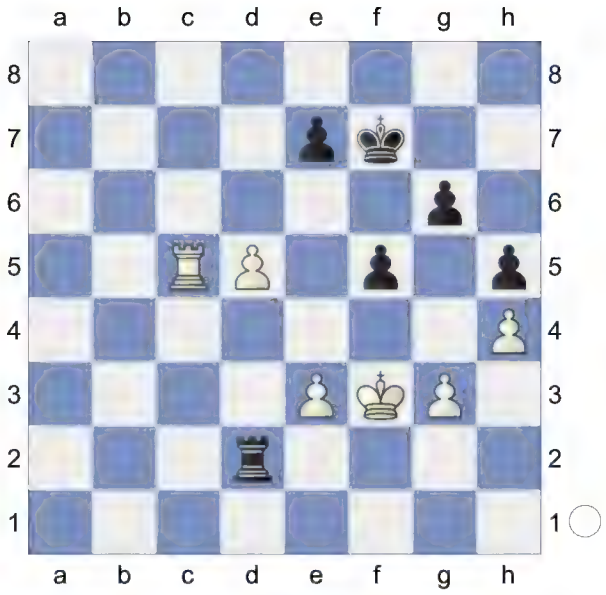


Strongly threatening Rc6+. **47...Ra5 48.Rd7 Rb5 49.Rd8 Rb2 50.Rf8+ Kg7**



51.Ra8 Rd2 52.Ra5 Kf7 53.Rb5 Ra2 54.Rc5 Rd2

(Diagram)



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25	**C26**
□ **Paehtz,Elisabeth**	**2424**
■ **Dronavalli,Harika**	**2483**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (5.5)	19.03.2025

[Kitty Kat]

C26: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6, sidelines
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d4 exd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Qd3 Bc5

(Diagram)

6.Bf4 d5N 0.78/18

[6...d6= -0.12/16 keeps the balance. 7.Qd2 0-0 *(7...Be6 8.0-0-0 Bb4 9.Qe3 Ng4 10.Qg3 Bxc3* #5 61) Vienna: 5.g3 and other 3r-2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d4 *)* 8.0-0-0 Be6 9.f3 Nd7 10.h4 Nce5 11.Nh3 a6 12.Be3 b5 13.Nf4 Bxe3 14.Qxe3 Nb6 15.b3 b4 16.Ncd5 c5 17.Nxb6 Qxb6 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.f4 Ng4 20.Qf3 Ne5 21.Qh3 Rxf4 Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2770)-Ellithorpe,G (2716) Warsaw POL 2021 MON C00 RK [Kapelan,M] 1-0]

[6...0-0 7.0-0-0 d6 8.f3 Be6 9.Kb1 a6 10.Qd2 b5 11.g4 Bd4 12.Nge2 Be5 13.Be3 Nb4 14.f4 Bxc3 15.Nxc3 Nxg4 16.Rg1 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 f6 18.f5 Bc4 19.Bxc4+ bxc4 20.a3 Nc6 21.Nd5 Ye,J (2399)-Posey,R (2431) Biel 2021 200 Traps In The Opening [DSZ 1860, Pagni] 0-1 (54)]

7.exd5 Qe7+

(Diagram)

8.Qe2! White is better. **8...Qxe2+ 9.Bxe2 Nb4 10.0-0-0 c6**

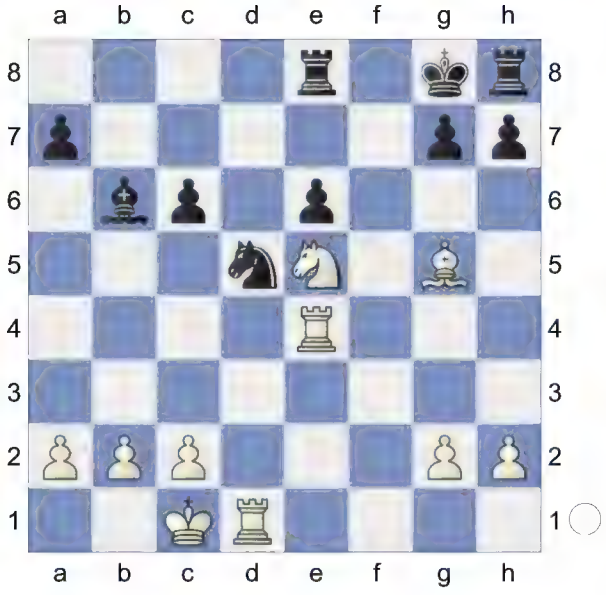
11.dxc6 bxc6 1.69/20

[11...Nxc6± 1.16/22 12.Nh3 0-0]

12.Nf3 Bxf2 13.Bc4 aiming for Rhf1. **13...Be6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Rhf1 Bb6**

(Diagram)

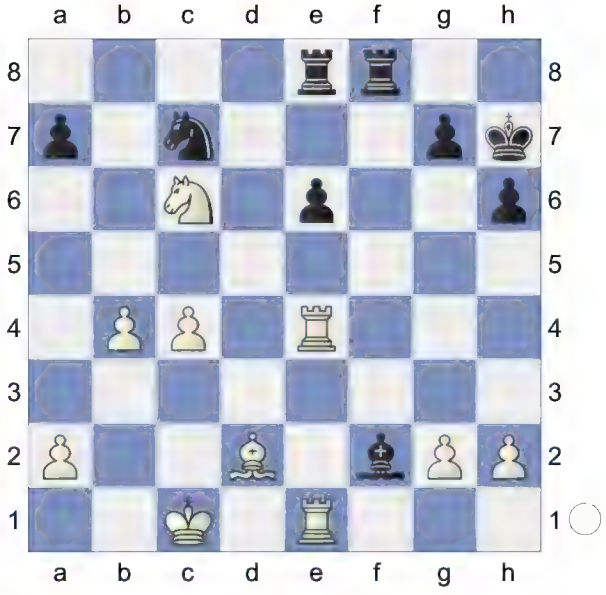
16.Rfe1 Kf7 2.09/20
[16...Rd8± 1.60/19 was called for. 17.Rxe6+ Kf7]
17.Ne5++- Kg8 18.Bg5 Re8 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Rxe4 Nd5



21.Nxc6

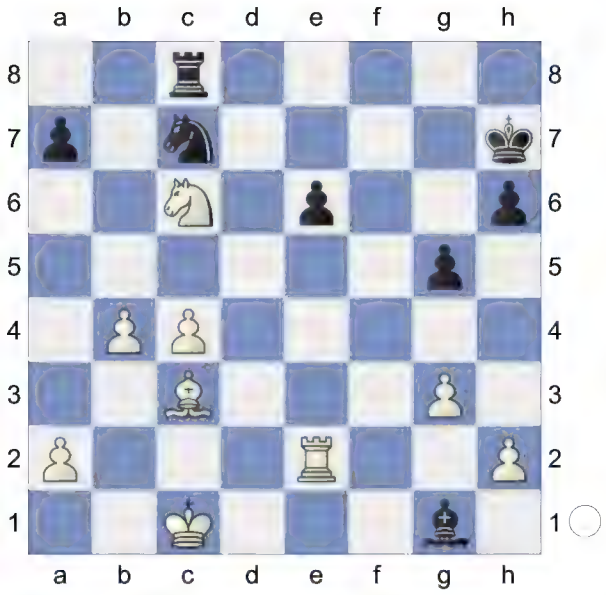
(Diagram)

Rxd5! is the strong threat. **21...h6**
22.Bd2 Kh7 23.Rde1 Rhf8 24.c4
[Don't take 24.Rxe6?! Rxe6 25.Rxe6 Rf1+ 26.Re1 Rxe1+ 27.Bxe1 Kg6+-]
24...Nc7 25.b4 Bf2

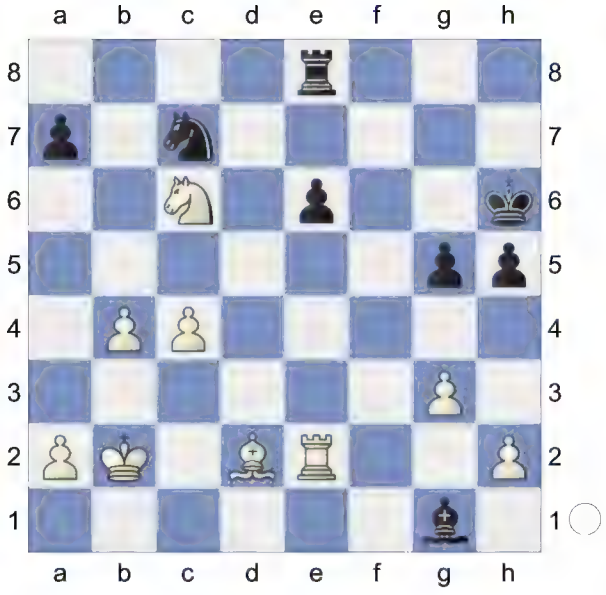


26.R1e2 Rc8 27.Rf4 Bg1 28.g3 g5 29.Rxf8 Rxf8 30.Bc3 Rc8

(Diagram)

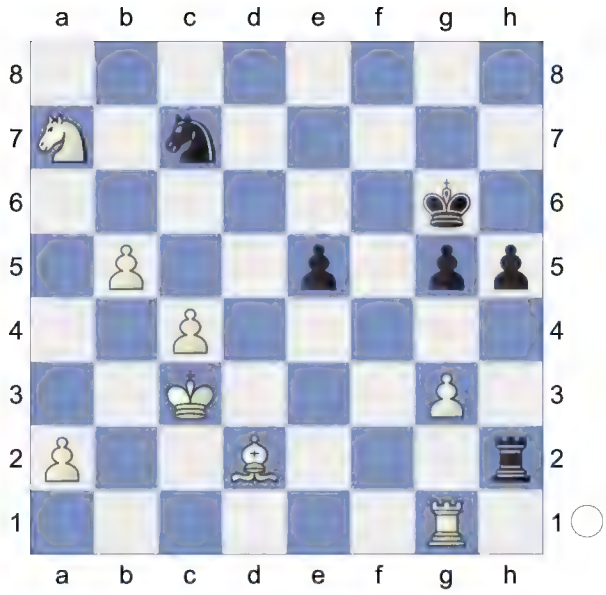


31.Kb2 Black must now prevent Rd2.
31...h5 32.Rd2 4.43/20
[⌓32.h4 3.05/19]
32...Kh6 33.Rg2 Be3 34.Re2 Bg1 35.Bd2 Re8

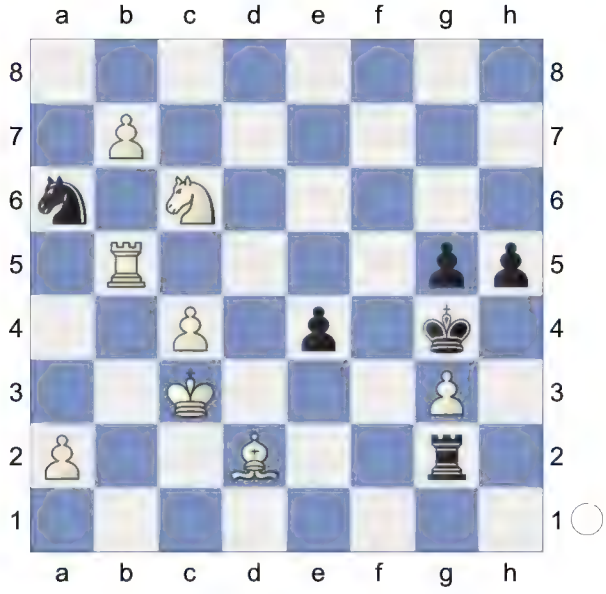


36.Rg2 Rf8 8.87/21
[⌓36...Bb6 4.25/20 37.c5 Nd5 38.cxb6 axb6]
37.Rxg1 Rf2 38.Kc3 Rxh2 39.Nxa7 Kg6 40.b5 e5

(Diagram)

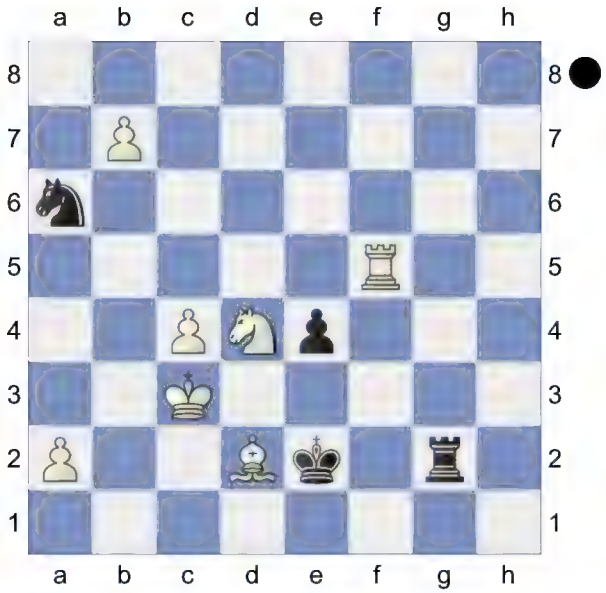


41.Nc6 e4 42.b6 Na6 43.b7 Kf5 44.Rb1 Rg2 45.Rb5+ Kg4



46.Rxg5+ Kf3 47.Rf5+ Kxg3 48.Rxh5 Kf3 49.Rf5+ Ke2 50.Nd4+

(Diagram)



Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=0.31
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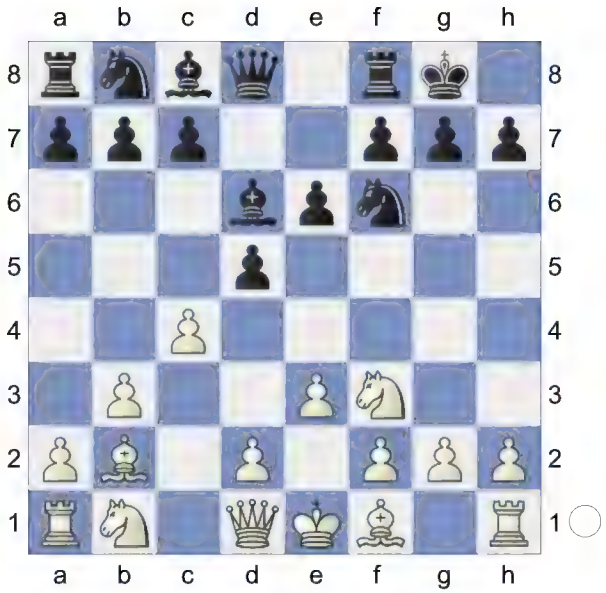
26 **A13**
□ **Dzagnidze,Nana** **2513**
■ **Dronavalli,Harika** **2483**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (6.1) 21.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6 **1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.b3 Bd6 5.Bb2 0-0**

(Diagram)



6.Nc3 Re8
[6...dxc4 7.Bxc4 a6 8.Qc2 b5 9.Be2 Bb7 10.Rg1 Nc6 11.a3 Be7 12.g4 b4 13.g5 bxc3 14.gxf6 Bxf6 15.Bxc3 Kh8 16.Rc1 e5 17.Bb2 Qe7 18.h4 e4 19.Ng5 Bxb2 20.Qxb2 Ne5 21.b4 Le,Q (2728)-Fressinet,L (2632) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (48)]
[6...a6 7.Rc1 b6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Ne2 Nbd7 10.Ned4 Nc5 11.Be2 Nce4 12.Nc6 Qe8 13.d3 Nxf2 14.Kxf2 Ng4+ 15.Ke1 Nxe3 16.Qd2 Nxg2+ 17.Kf1 Bh3 18.Rg1 Bf4 19.Qc3 f6 20.Qb4 Nh4+ 21.Kf2 Semi Slav Marshall Gambit,T (2510)-Zegarra,N (2453) Budapest 2023 ZUS D32 [John Watson] 0-1]
7.Qc2 c5 8.Nb5N The position is equal.
[8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bb5 Nc6 10.0-0 Bg4 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Ne2 Ne4 13.Ng3 Re6 14.d3 Rh6 15.dxe4 Bxf3 16.e5 Bf8 17.gxf3 Qh4 18.Rfd1 Qh3 19.Qf5 Qxh2+ 20.Kf1 g6 21.Qd7 Rh3 22.e6 1-0 (22) Vinter Schou,U (2375)-Berend,E (2280) Assisi 2022]
8...d4 0.41/22

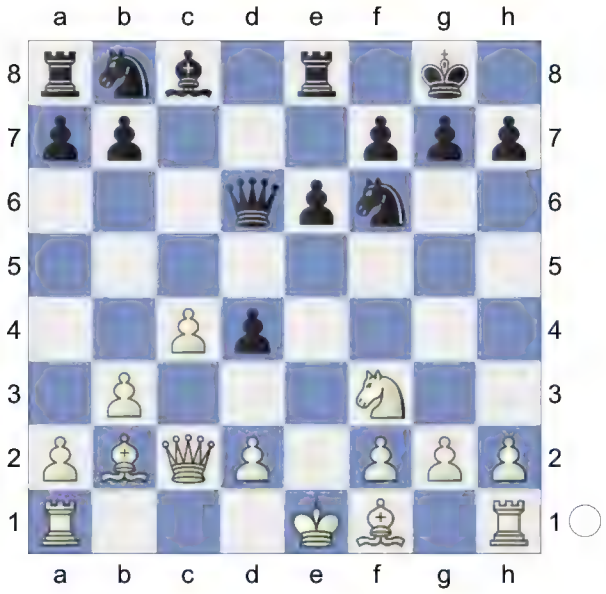
[8...Nc6= -0.01/18]

9.exd4 cxd4 10.Nxd6

[10.Nfxd4 Bc5 11.Nf3 Nc6=]

[10.Nbxd4 e5 11.Nb5 Bf8=]

10...Qxd6



11.Nxd4

[Don't play 11.Bxd4 e5 12.Be3 Nc6=]

11...e5 12.Nb5 Qd8 13.c5 Nc6

14.Nd6 Re7 15.Bc4 b6

16.Ba3 -0.13/20

[16.0-0± 0.48/21 bxc5 17.Bxf7+ Rxf7 18.Nxf7 Kxf7 19.Qxc5]

16...Nd4= 17.Qd3 -0.47/21

[17.Qb1= -0.05/19 might be stronger.]

17...bxc5 0.09/21

[17...Bg4∓ -0.47/21]

18.Bxc5 This bishop pair is nice.

18...Rd7! 19.Nf5 -0.91/23

[19.Nxf7!= 0.29/21 Rxf7 20.Bxd4 *(20.Bxf7+ Kxf7 21.Bxd4 a5±)* 20...Qxd4 21.Qxd4 exd4 22.Rc1]

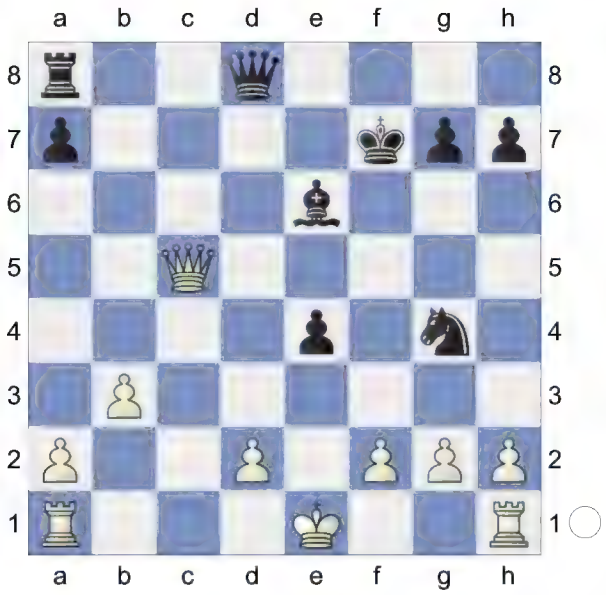
19...Nxf5 -0.23/21

[19...e4!∓ -0.91/23 20.Ne7+ *(20.Qxd4? Rxd4 21.Nxd4 Nd7-+)* 20...Kh8]

20.Qxf5 Rd5

(Diagram)

21.Qf3 e4! 22.Qe3 Ng4 23.Qc3 Rxc5 24.Bxf7+! Kxf7 25.Qxc5 Be6

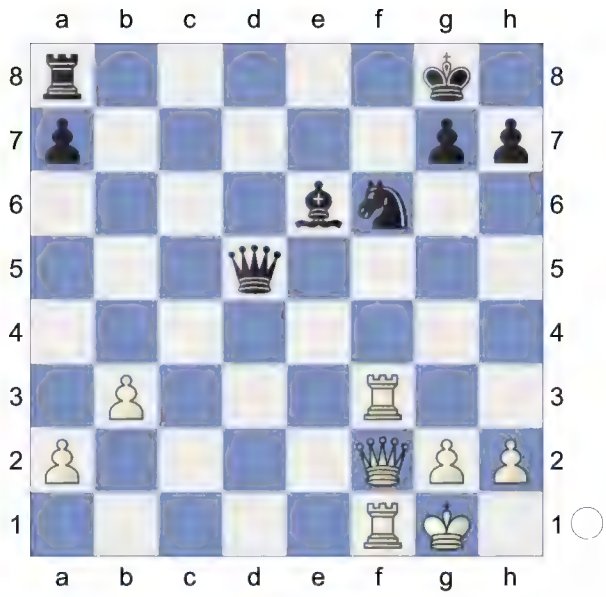


Active counter play! **26.0-0 Qxd2 27.f3 exf3** Chess con chili. **28.Rxf3+ Nf6 29.Raf1 Qd5 30.Qf2** -0.76/18

[30.Rc1= -0.21/20]

30...Kg8∓

(Diagram)



31.Kh1 a5 32.Qg3 aiming for Rxf6. **32...Ne4 33.Qf4** White threatens Qf8+! and mate. **33...Nf6** 0.01/19

[33...h6∓ -0.79/21]

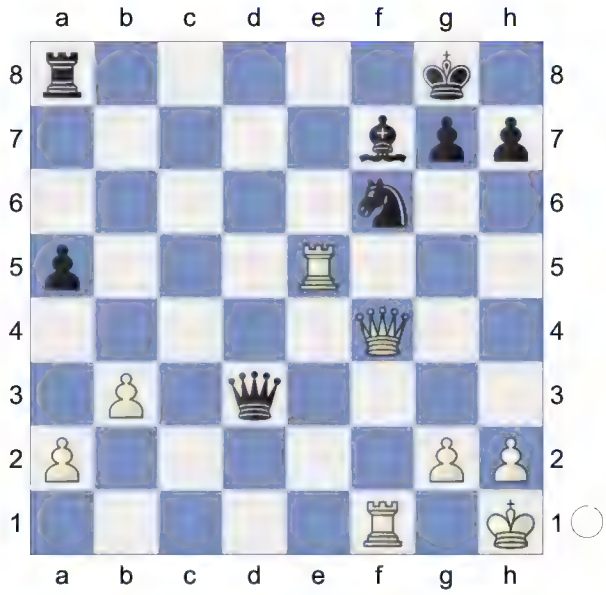
34.Re3 -0.90/19

[34.Qg3!= 0.01/19 Ne4 35.Qf4]

34...Bf7 Black converts the advantage convincingly. **35.Re5** -1.01/20

[35.Re7∓ -0.62/22]

35...Qd3

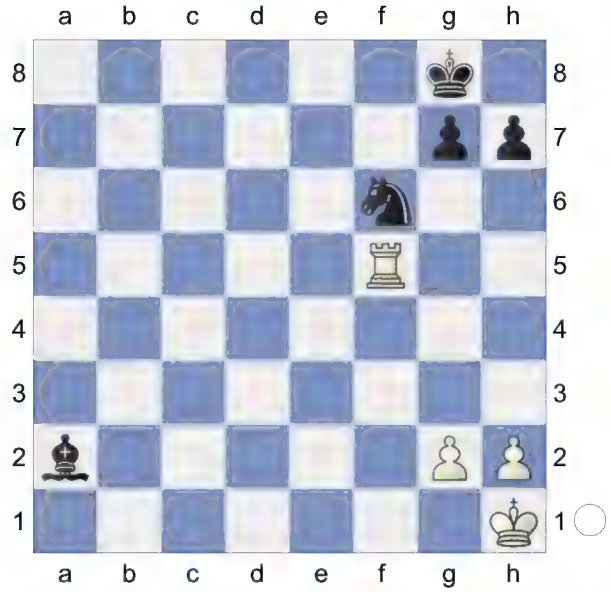


36.Qf5 -1.17/21

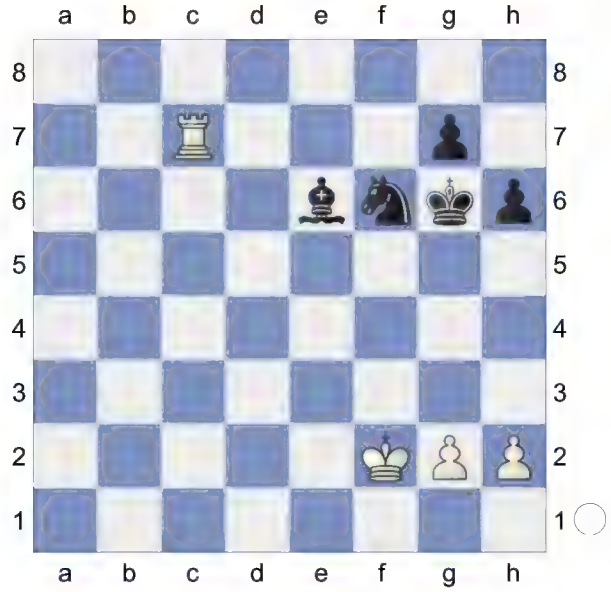
[Better is 36.Rc1 -0.81/20]

36...Qxf5 37.Rfxf5 a4 38.bxa4 Rxa4

39.Ra5 Rxa2 40.Rxa2 Bxa2



41.Ra5 Bd5 42.Ra7 h6 43.Kg1 Kh7 44.Kf2 Kg6 45.Rc7 Be6



46.Ra7 Nd5 47.Kf3 Kf6 48.Ra6 Kf5 49.Ra5 g5 50.Rc5 h5

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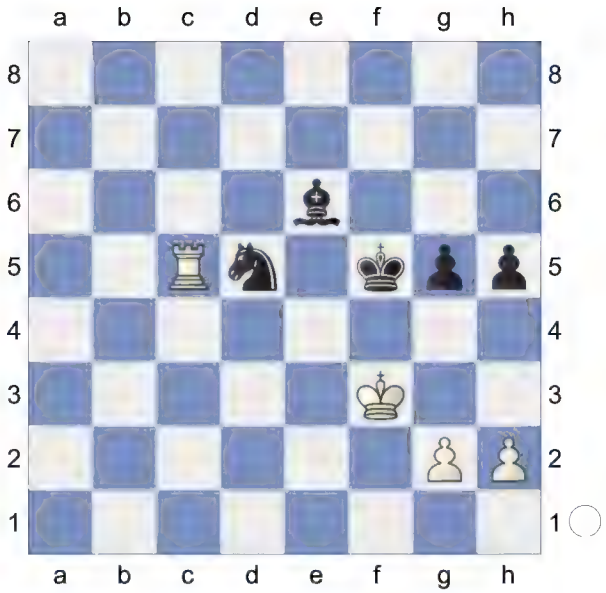
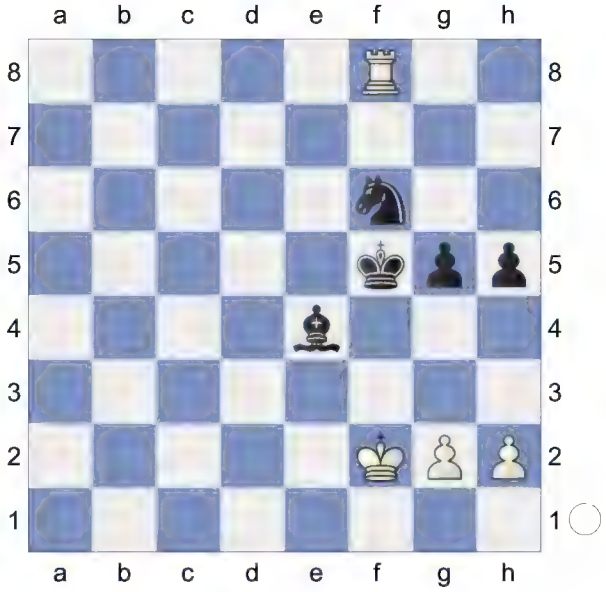


51.Ra5 Ke5 52.Kf2 Bf5 53.Ra8 Be4 54.Re8+ Kf5 55.Rf8+ Nf6

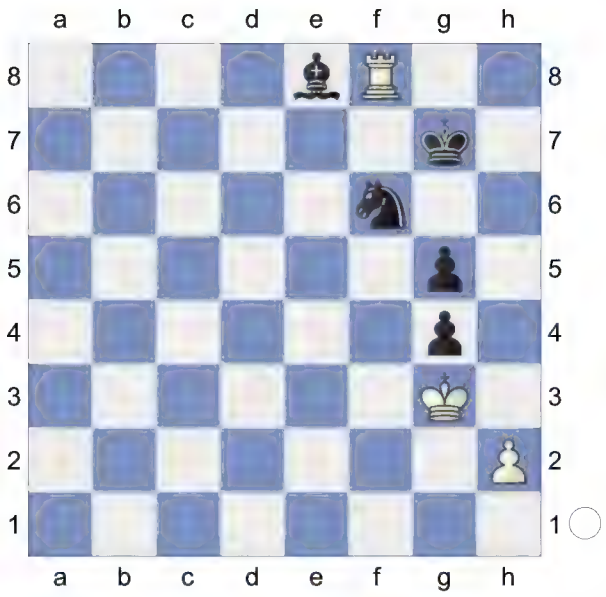


56.g3 Bc6 57.Kg1? -5.87/25

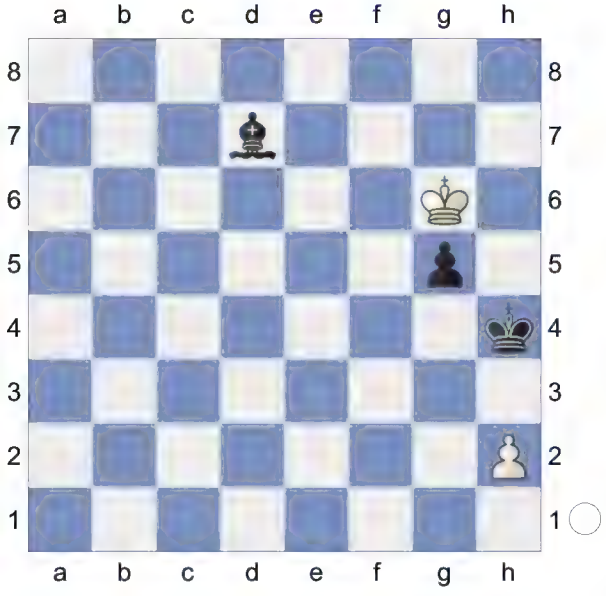
[57.h4 -1.75/23 is more resistant.]

57...Be8-+ 58.g4+ hxg4 59.Kg2 Kg6 60.Kg3 Kg7

(Diagram)



61.Rxf6 Kxf6 62.Kxg4 Bd7+ -17.50/27
[⌓62...Kg6 -#18/28 63.Kg3 Kh5 64.Kh3 Bc6 65.Kg3 Bd7 66.Kg2 Kg4 67.Kg1 Kh3 68.Kh1 g4 69.Kg1 Bc6 70.Kf1 Kxh2 71.Ke2 g3 72.Ke3 g2 73.Kf4 g1Q 74.Ke5 Qe3+ 75.Kf5 Qe7 76.Kf4 Qe6 77.Kg5 Kg3 78.Kh5 Kf4 79.Kh4 Qh6#]
63.Kh5 Kf5 Black mates. **64.Kh6 Kg4 65.Kg6 Kh4**



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27 **B90**
□ **Muzychuk,Mariya** **2490**
■ **Paehtz,Elisabeth** **2424**
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[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6**

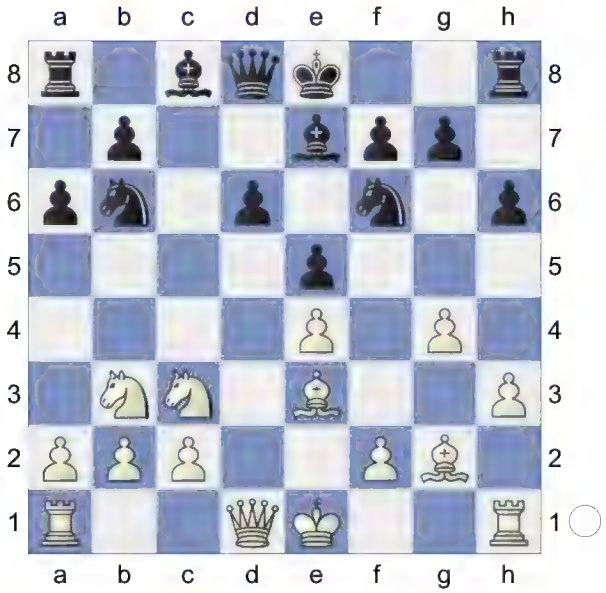
6.h3 e5N
[6...e6 7.g4
A) 7...Be7 8.g5 *(8.Bg2 Nfd7 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Qe2 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 0-0 12.0-0 b5 13.e5 d5 14.a3 Qc7 15.f4 Bc5 16.Qe3 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Bb7 18.Rae1 Rac8* M.Sanjuan Garcia (2590)-Corfield,J (2696) Saint Petersburg (m/2) 63/498 2009 Telechess CBM 89 [Olsson; Korrschack 3/2001]*)* 8...Nfd7 9.Be3 b5 10.a3 Bb7 11.h4 Nc6 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.Qd4 0-0 14.0-0-0 Nc5 15.f3 Rb8 16.Rg1 a5 17.b4 e5 18.Qd2 Ne6 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 Nd4 21.Bxd4 exd4 22.bxa5

Duda,J (2757)-Grischuk,A (2777) chess.com INT 2020 [Roiz,M] 1-0 (36);

B) 7...Nc6 8.g5 Nd7 9.Be3 Be7 10.h4 0-0 11.f4 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 e5 13.Qd2 exf4 14.Bxf4 Ne5 15.0-0-0 Re8 16.Nd5 Bf8 17.h5 Be6 18.h6 Bxd5 19.Qxd5 Qb6 20.Bh3 Ng6 21.Bd2 Re5 22.Qd3 Ibadov,D (2333)-Milosevic,A (2172) Pozarevac 2023 1-0 (31);

C) 7...h6 8.Bg2 Be7 9.Be3 Nc6 10.f4 Nd7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nf3 b5 13.g5 hxg5 14.Nxg5 Bxg5 15.fxg5 Nde5 16.Qh5 Bb7 17.Rad1 Rc8 18.a3 Nc4 19.Rf4 f5 20.g6 Rf6 21.Qh7+ Bromberger,S (2535)-Grandelius,N (2642) Munich GER 2017 [Roiz,M] 1-0]

7.Nb3 Be7 8.g4 h6 9.Be3 Nbd7 The position is equal. **10.Bg2 Nb6**



11.Qd3 Against Nc4 **11...Qc7 12.Nd2** Against Nc4 **12...Bd7 13.Bxb6** 0.05/20

[13.a4± 0.37/20]

13...Qxb6= 14.Nc4 Qc6 15.0-0-0 0-0

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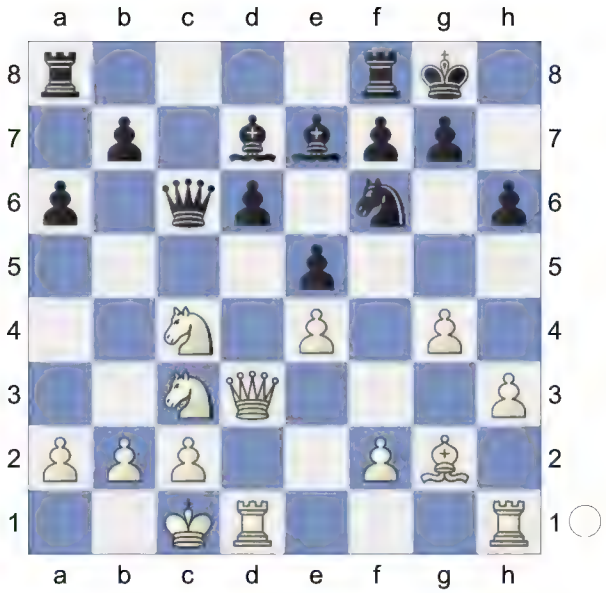


16.Ne3 Qc5 0.50/19

[16...b5= 0.01/18]

17.Qe2 Rfc8 0.79/20

[17...g6± 0.42/18]

18.h4!± And now g5 would win. White stays focused until the end. **18...g6**

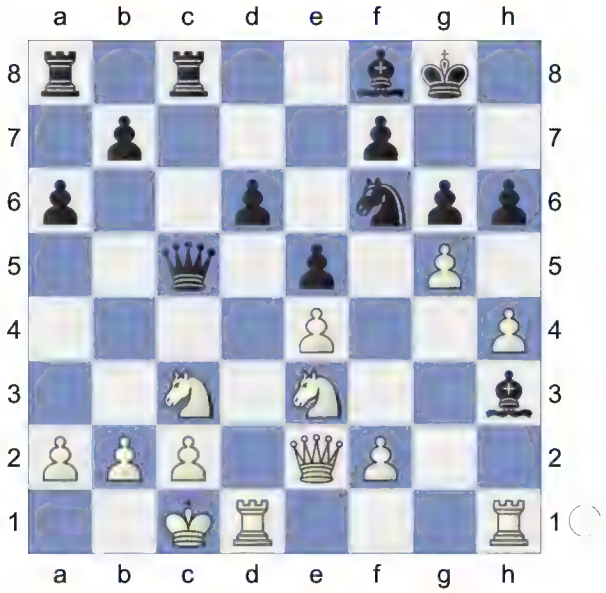
19.Bh3 0.78/19

[White should play 19.g5 1.32/18 hxg5 20.hxg5]

19...Bf8 1.45/21

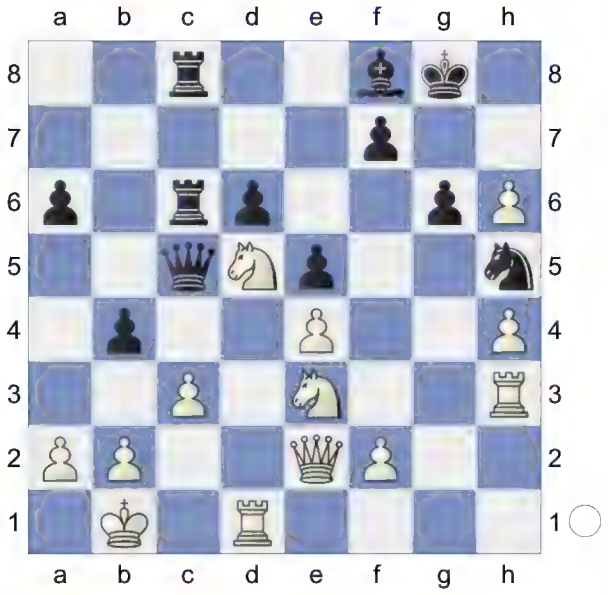
[⌓19...Bc6 0.78/19]

20.g5 Bxh3



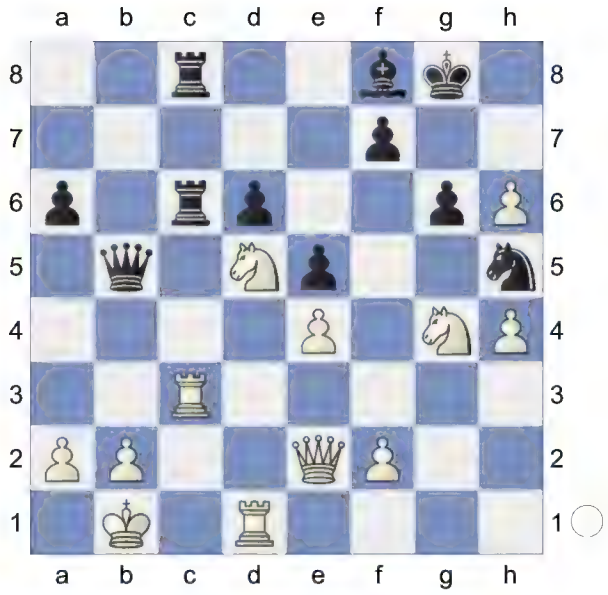
21.Rxh3 Nh5

22.Ncd5 &Bianco is more active.
22...Rc6 23.Kb1 Rac8 2.36/20
[⌓23...Nf4 1.77/20 24.Nxf4 exf4]
24.c3 b5 2.35/20
[⌓24...Nf4 1.80/20 25.Nxf4 exf4]
25.gxh6+- b4

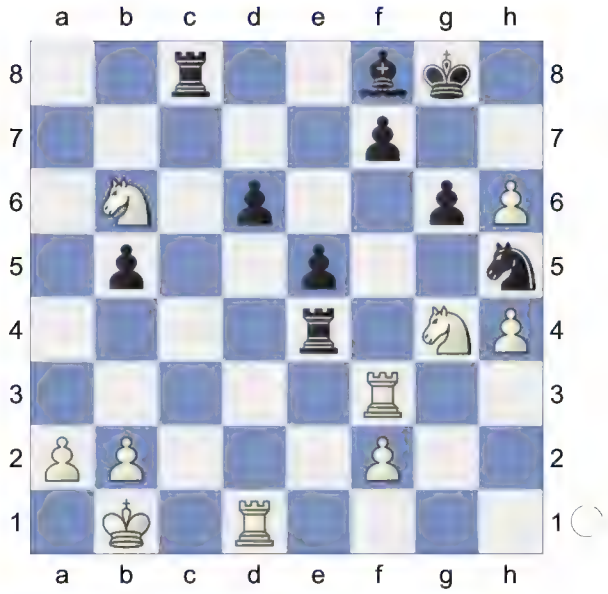


26.Ng4 bxc3 2.05/23
[26...Nf4± 1.38/22 is a better defense. 27.Nxf4 exf4]
27.Rxc3 Qb5

(Diagram)

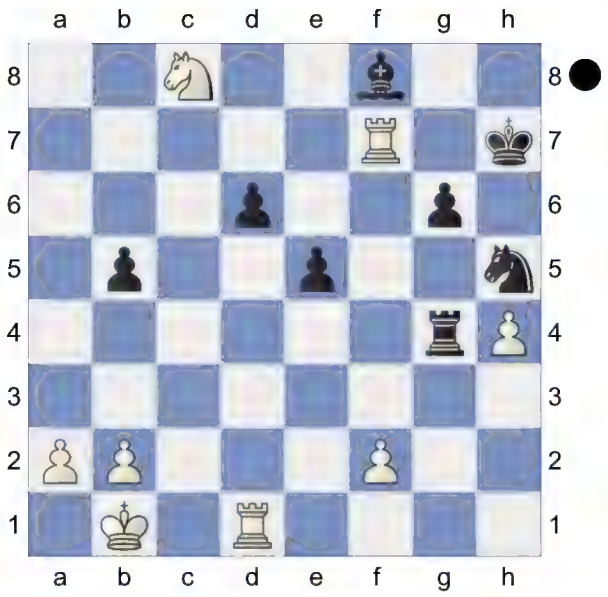


28.Qxb5 axb5 29.Rf3 Rc4? 3.99/22
[29...Nf4 2.42/21 30.Nxf4 exf4 31.Rxf4 Rc2]
30.Nb6 Pair of Knights! **30...Rxe4**



...Rc6 is the strong threat. **31.Nxc8** 2.75/21
[⌓31.h7+ 4.71/24 Kxh7 32.Nxc8 Rxg4 33.Rxf7+ Kg8 34.Rb7]
31...Rxg4 32.h7+ Kxh7 33.Rxf7+

(Diagram)



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28 **C65**
□ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2548**
■ **Badelka,Olga** **2429**
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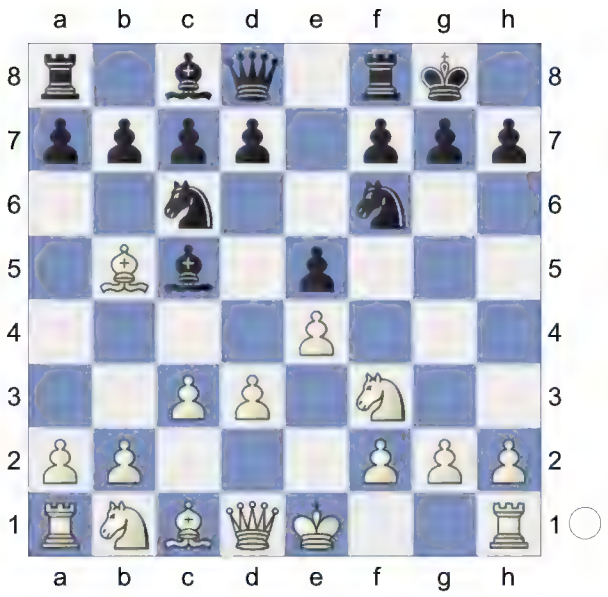
[Kitty Kat]

C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.c3 0-0**

(Diagram)



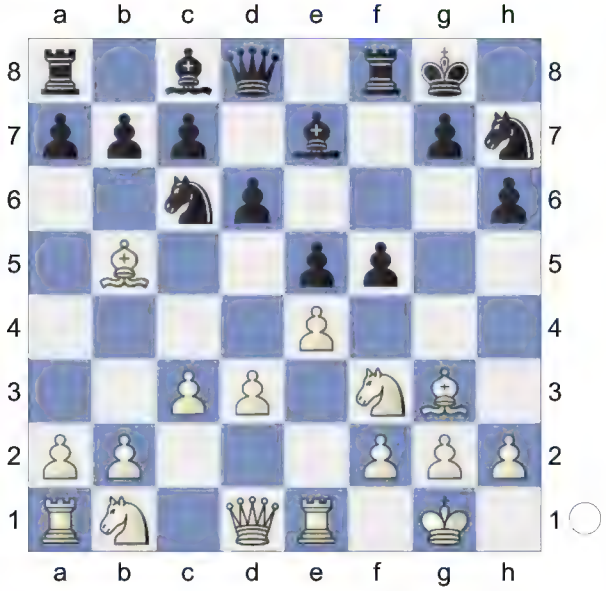
6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Bg3
[8.Nbd2 d6 9.Nf1 Nb8 10.Ne3 Ng4 11.Bg3 Nxe3 12.fxe3 Nd7 13.d4 Nf6 14.Bd3 Ng4 15.Qe2 Bg5 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Bxe5 Bh4+ 18.g3 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Bf6 20.Nf3 Qe7 21.0-0-0 c6 22.Nd4 a6 Vit Spelar Sgf3 (2714)-Molina,R (2821) Harare 2011 Telechess CBM 89 [Bottlik, Ivan] (60)]
8...d6 9.0-0 Nh7N
[9...Bd7
A) 10.h3 Nh7 *(10...Nh5 11.Bh2 g6 12.Nbd2 Bg5 13.Re1 Bf4 14.Nf1 Bxh2+ 15.Kxh2 a6 16.Ba4 Nf4 17.d4 Re8 18.Bc2 Qc8 19.Ng1 Na5 20.Ne3 c5 21.dxc5 dxc5 22.g3 Nh5 23.Nd5 Qd8 24.Qd2 Kg7 25.Rad1* 5.dc5 Bc5 6. Bf4 (2629) -Chiong,L (2607) St Petersburg 2018 CBM 169 Extra [Dragan Solak] ½-½ (41) *)* 11.Nbd2 Ng5 12.Re1 Nxf3+ 13.Nxf3 Vachier Lagrave,M (2795)-Malakhov,V (2712) France 133/ (126) 2017 [Stamenkovic,Zoran];
B) 10.Re1 Nh5 11.Nbd2 Nxg3 12.hxg3 Bf6 13.Nf1 g6 14.Ba4 h5

Bacrot,E (2696)-Bok,B (2598) Minsk 133/(126) 2017 [Stamenkovic, Zoran]]

[9...a6 10.Ba4 Re8 11.Nbd2 Bf8 12.h3 b5 13.Bc2 Bb7 14.Re1 g6 15.a4 Bg7 16.b4 Nh5 17.Bb3 Qd7 18.Bh2 Kh7 19.Nf1 Nd8 20.Ne3 Ne6 21.Nd5 Rad8 22.axb5 axb5 23.Ra7 c6 24.g4 Modestov,B (2669)-Moen,A (2627) Pula 2021 Prepare to Attack [Kotov: Erbe II, 58] ½-½ (49)]

10.Re1 f5 0.50/20

[10...Bg4= 0.14/20 was preferrable.]



11.exf5!± Bxf5 12.d4 e4

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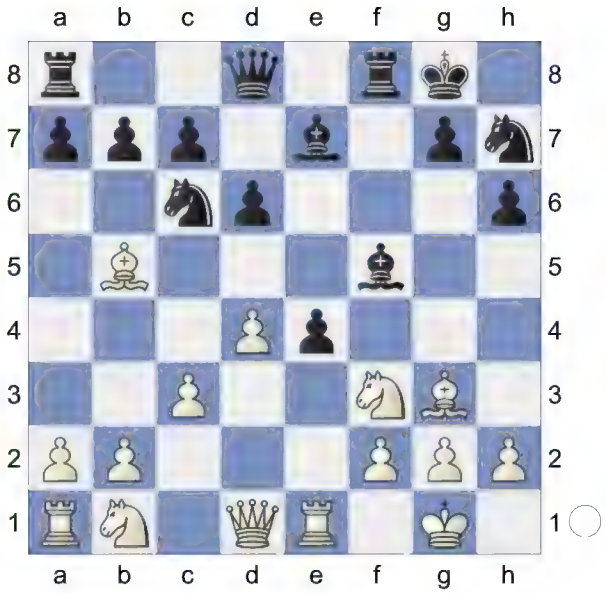
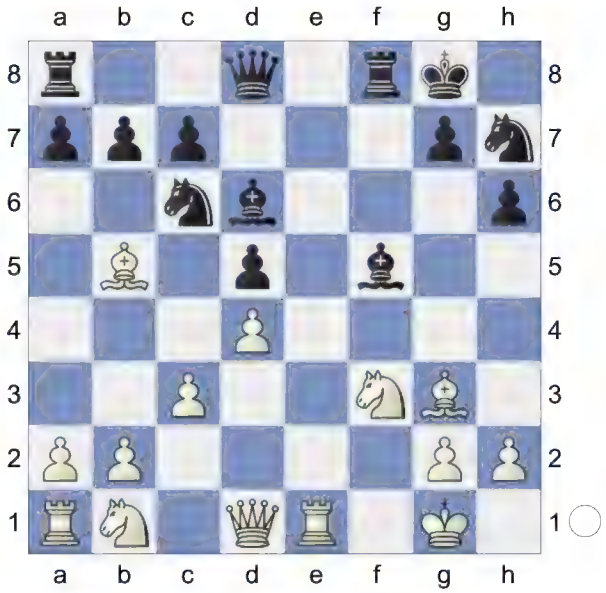


13.Nfd2 0.01/19

[White should try 13.d5!± 0.60/20 exf3 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.Bxc6]

13...d5= 14.f3 exf3 15.Nxf3 Bd6



16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Nbd2 Nf6

[17...Rae8 is interesting. 18.Nh4 Bd7 19.Bd3 Rxe1+ 20.Qxe1 g5]

18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Ne5 c5 20.Nb3 Ne4

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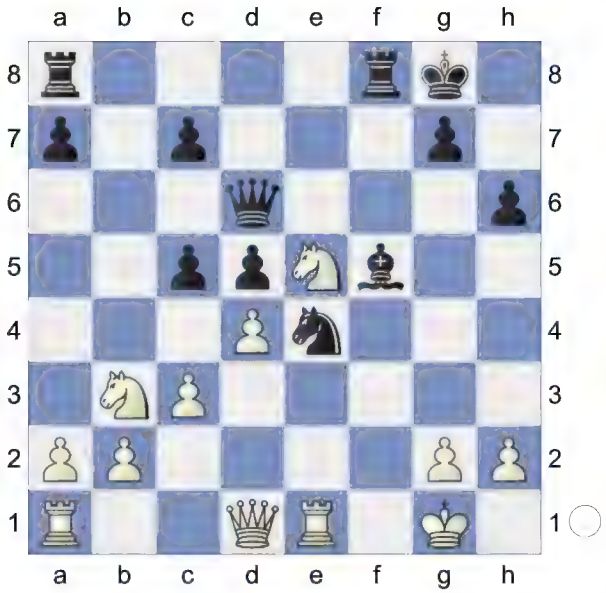
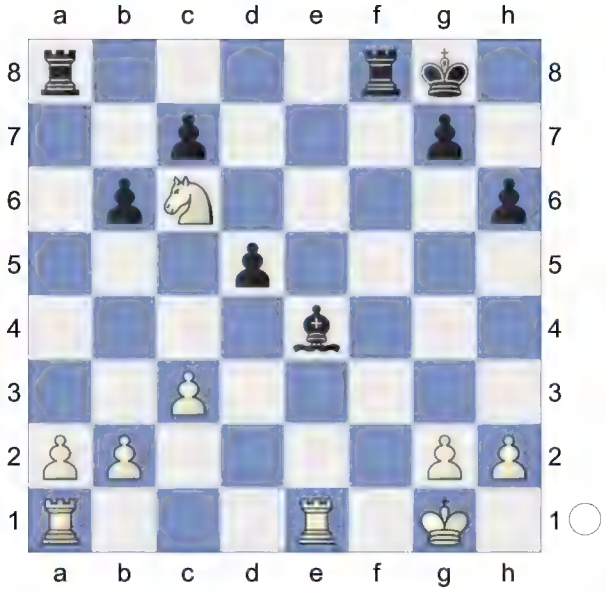
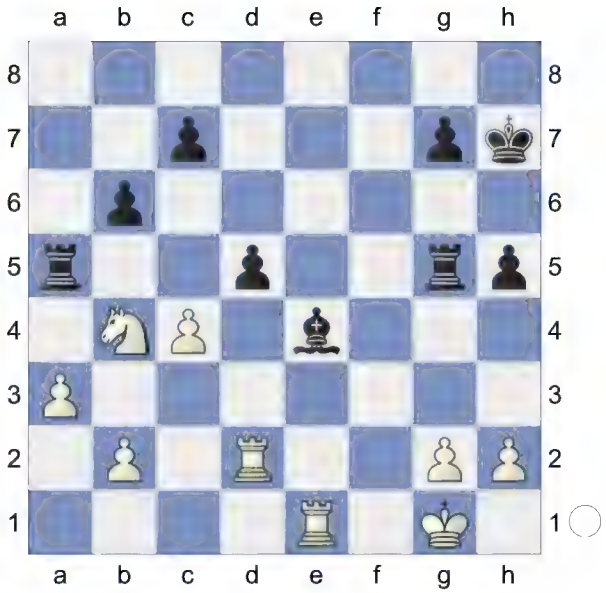


21.Nxc5 Nxc5 22.dxc5 Qxc5+ 23.Qd4 Qb6 24.Qxb6
[24.Re2 is more complex. Rae8 25.Rae1 Re6 26.b4]
24...axb6 25.Nc6 Be4

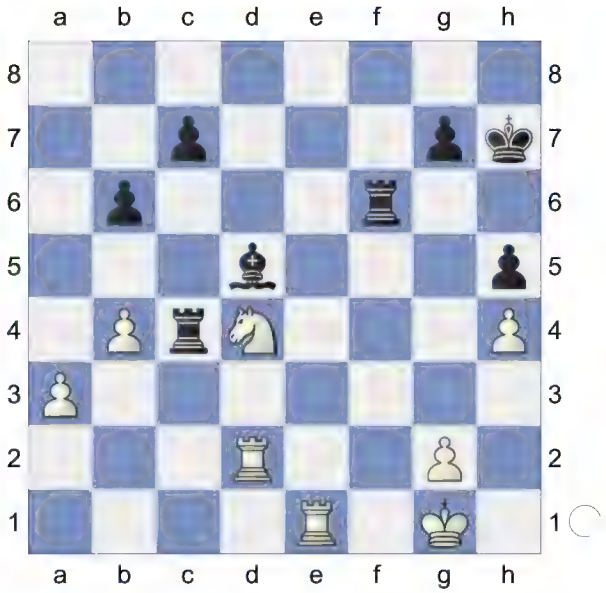


26.c4! Kh7 27.Nb4 Rf5 28.Rad1 Rg5 29.Rd2 Ra5 1.00/24
[29...c6± 0.46/23]
30.a3 0.67/22
[30.cxd5± 1.00/24 Bf3 31.h3]
30...h5±

(Diagram)



31.h4 Rf5 32.Nc6 -0.01/25
[32.Rf2± 0.78/22]
32...Rc5= 33.Nd4 Rf6 34.cxd5 Bxd5 35.b4 Rc4



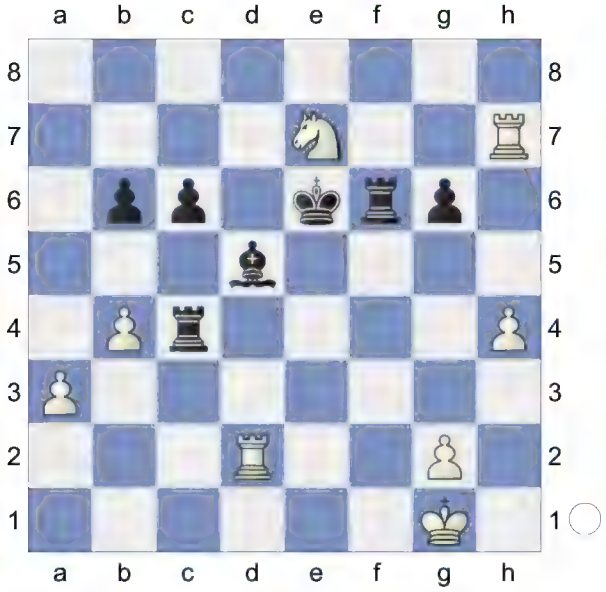
36.Re5 c6 0.53/22
[36...Bf7= 0.13/22]
37.Rxh5+± Kg8 0.94/20
[37...Rh6± 0.56/22 38.Rxh6+ Kxh6]
38.Nf5 -0.01/24
[38.b5± 0.94/20]
38...g6 0.73/21
[38...Re4= -0.01/24 39.Rg5 g6]
39.Ne7+± Kf7 1.82/26

[39...Kg7± 0.76/26 40.Nxd5 gxh5 41.Nxf6 Kxf6]

40.Rh7++-

[Much less strong is 40.Nxd5?! gxh5 41.Nxf6 Kxf6±]

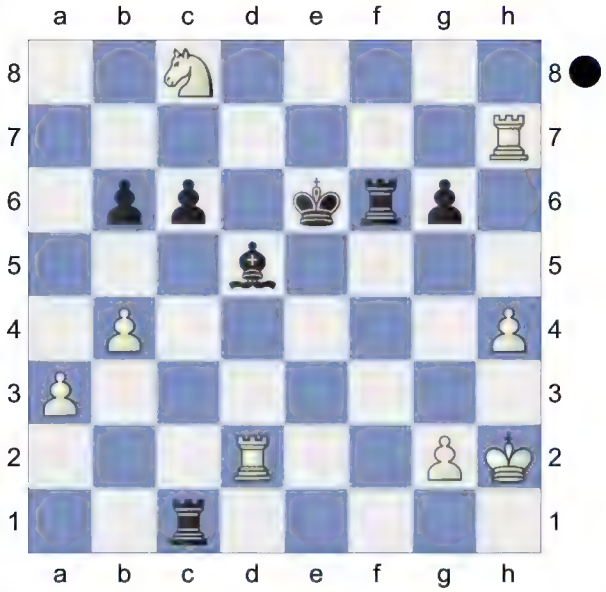
40...Ke6



41.Nc8 0.81/23 &Bianco is more active.

[⌓41.b5 1.33/21]

41...Rc1+± 42.Kh2



Re7+ is the strong threat. **42...Rff1**

43.Nxb6 Rh1+ 44.Kg3 And now Re2+ would win. **44...Rc3+ 45.Kf2 Rxa3**

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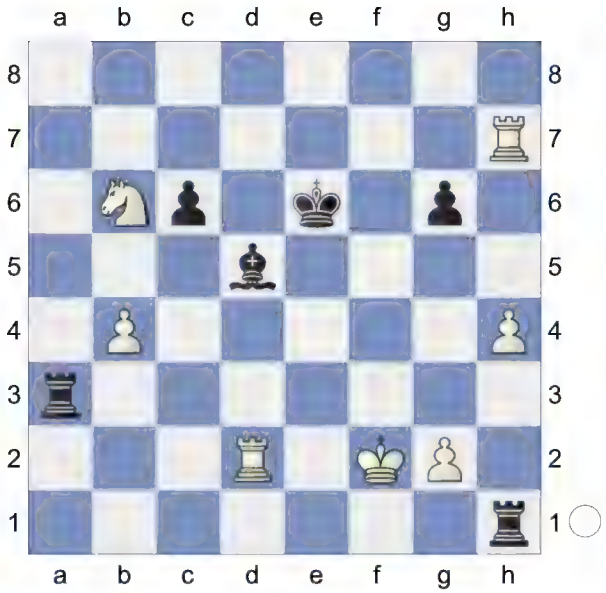


46.Re2+ Kf5 47.Nxd5 cxd5

Endgame KRR-KRR **48.Rb2** 0.44/21

[48.Rf7+± 0.75/20 Kg4 49.Rd2 Rxh4 50.Rd7 *(50.Rxd5 Rb3±)*]

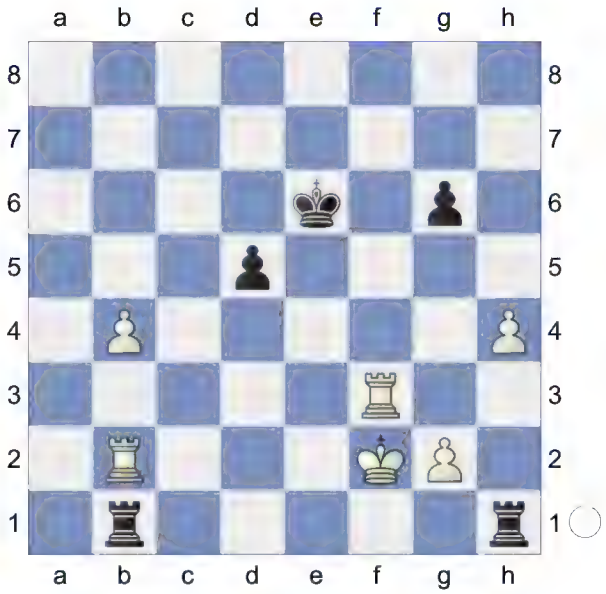
48...Raa1 49.Rf7+ 0.09/21

[49.Rd2± 0.42/20]

49...Ke6 0.57/21

[49...Ke4= 0.09/21 feels stronger. 50.Kg3 d4]

50.Rf3 Rab1



51.Rxb1 Rxb1± KR-KR **52.Rf4**

[52.Rg3!?]

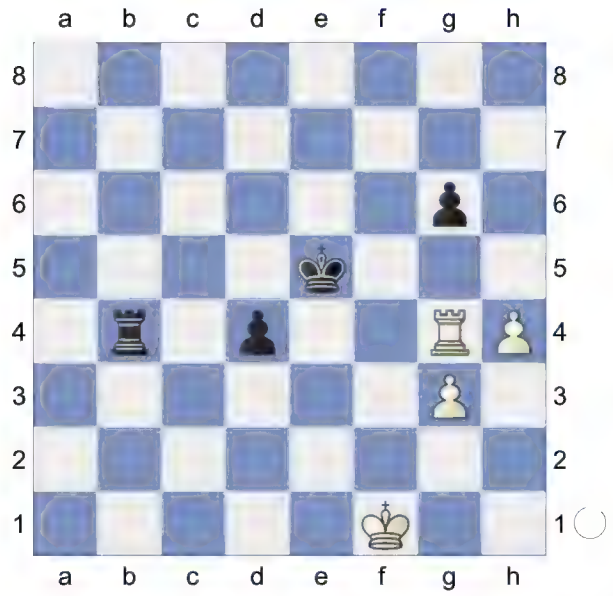
52...Ke5 0.57/26

[52...Rb2+= 0.18/26 53.Kg3 Rb3+ 54.Kf2 Rb2+ 55.Kf1 Rb1+ 56.Kf2 Rb2+]

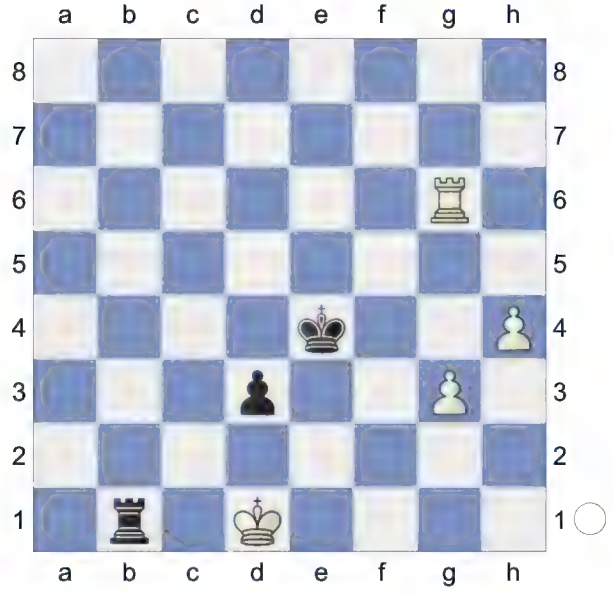
53.g3 0.01/28

[White should play 53.Rg4± 0.57/26]

53...Rb2+= The position is equal. **54.Kf1 d4 55.Rg4 Rxb4**



56.Rxg6 Ke4 57.Ke2 d3+ 58.Kd2 White threatens Rg4+ and mate. **58...Rb2+ 59.Kd1 Rb1+**



Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

½-½

29 **B52**

□ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2516**

■ **Zhu,Jiner** **2514**

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[Kitty Kat]

B52: Sicilian: Moscow Variation with 3... Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**

[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 Bg4 5. Bc4 e6_37934 (2270) Smederevska Palanka 1977 200 Traps In The Opening [Elburg, CCYB] 1-0 (34)]

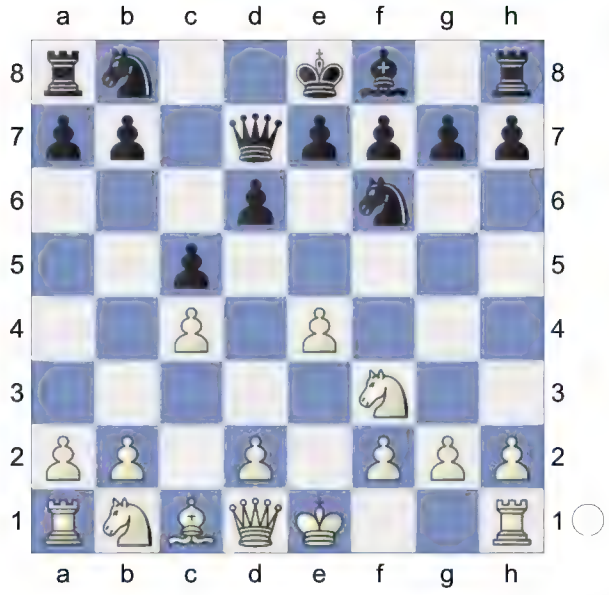
[3.d3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.0-0 e5 7.Be3 Nge7 8.c4 0-0 9.Qd2 f5 10.Nc3 Nd4 11.Nh4 f4 12.gxf4 Nec6 13.Nf3 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 exf4 15.Bxf4 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Qf6 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 Asante,D (1908)-Ortega Amarelle,M (2453) Budapest 2024 0-1]

3...Bd7N

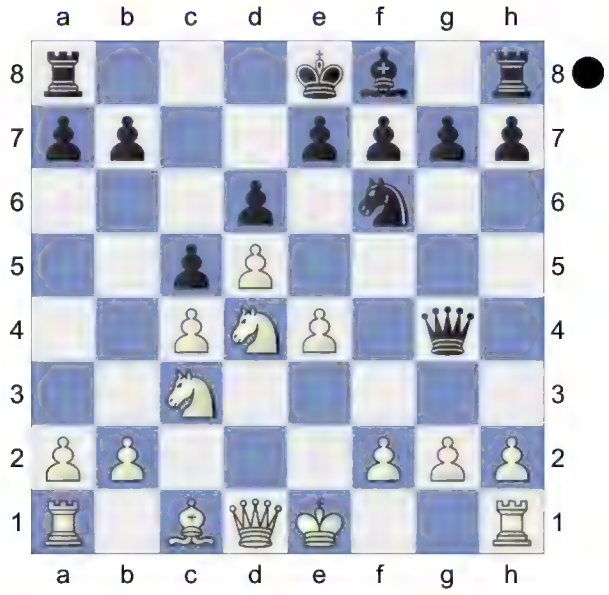
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) Baku 2008 ICCF Telechess [Olsson; Korrschack 3/2001] 0-1 Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3

Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1
0-1 (30) Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F
(2578) Sautron 2008 EXT 2009 [RR]]

4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.c4 Nf6



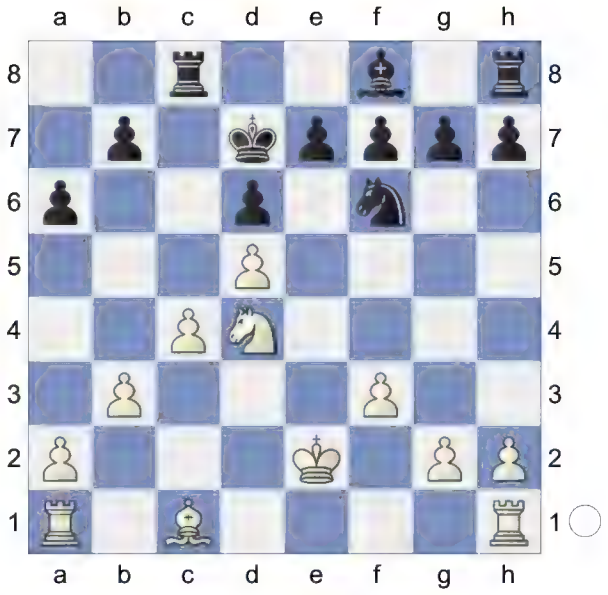
6.Nc3 Nc6 7.d4 Qg4 8.d5 Nd4
White is slightly better. **9.Nxd4**



Threatens to win with Qxg4. **9...Qxd1+**
[Less strong is 9...cxd4 10.Qxg4 Nxg4 11.Nb5±]
10.Kxd1 Black must now prevent Nf3.
10...cxd4

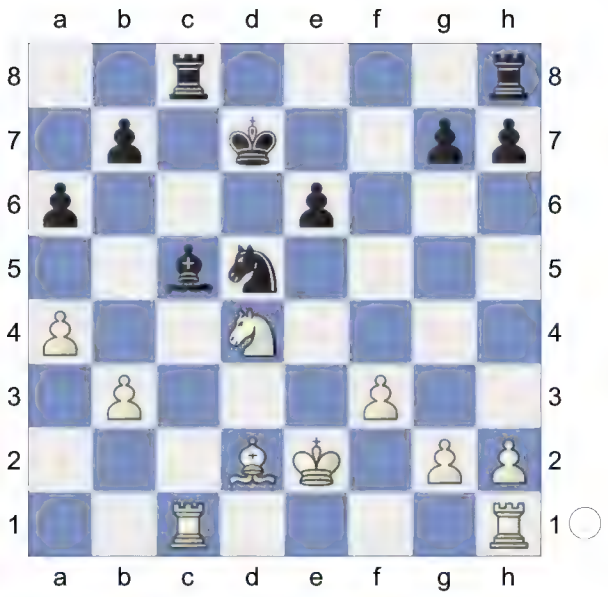
(Diagram)

11.Nb5 aiming for Nc7+. **11...Rc8**
Inhibits Nc7+. **12.Ke2**
[Much worse is 12.Nxd4 Rxc4 13.Be3 Nxe4∓]
12...Nxe4 13.f3 Nf6 14.b3 a6
15.Nxd4 Kd7

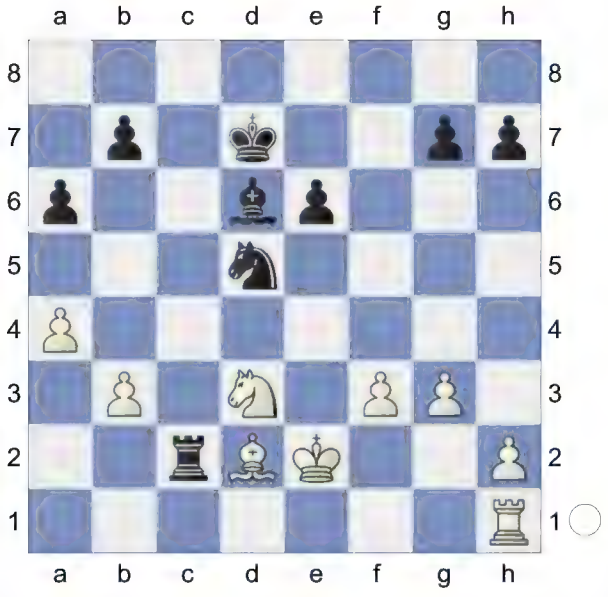


16.a4 e5 17.dxe6+ 0.03/20
[17.Nf5± 0.40/20 should be considered.]
17...fxe6= 18.Bd2 d5 19.cxd5 Nxd5
20.Rac1 Bc5

(Diagram)

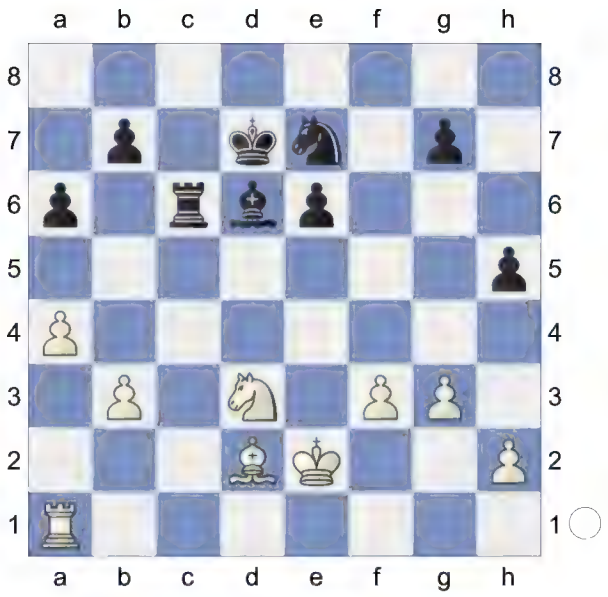


21.Nc2
[21.Kd3 with more complications. e5 22.Nf5 g6 23.Ng3]
21...Rc6 22.Ne1 Rhc8 23.Nd3 And now Ne5+ would win. **23...Bd6** Prevents Ne5+. **24.Rxc6**
[24.h4 is interesting. Nc3+ 25.Ke3 b5 26.axb5 axb5 27.h5]
24...Rxc6 25.g3 Rc2

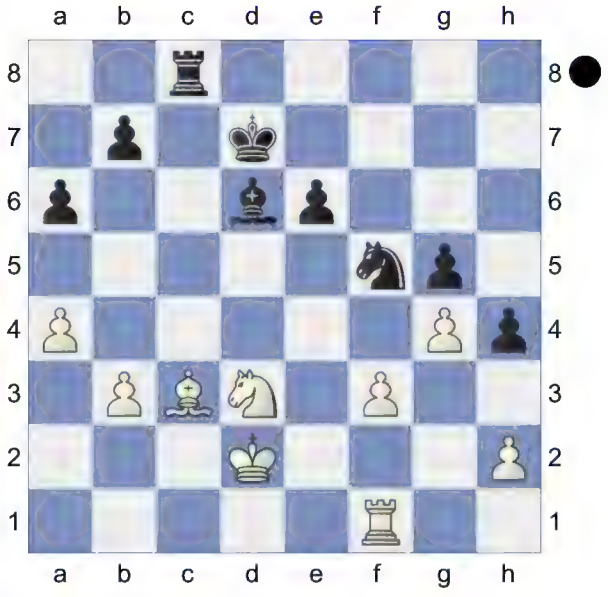


26.Ra1 Prevents Ra2. **26...h5 27.Kd1 Rc6 28.Ke2 Rc2 29.Kd1 Rc6 30.Ke2 Ne7**

(Diagram)



31.Rc1 Nf5 32.Bc3 Against Nd4+ **32...g5** 0.35/20
[32...Rc8= 0.01/19 deserves consideration.]
33.Kd2 0.01/20
[33.Bf6± 0.35/20 might be stronger.]
33...Rc8 34.Rf1 -0.30/21
[⌓34.g4 0.23/19]
34...h4 35.g4



Ne3

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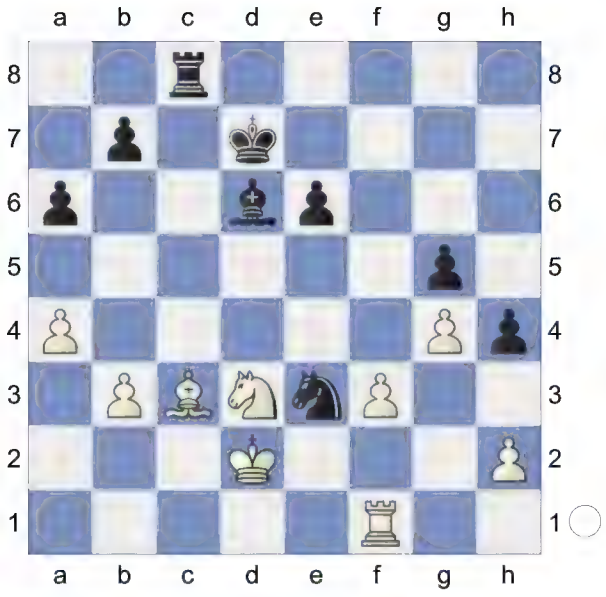
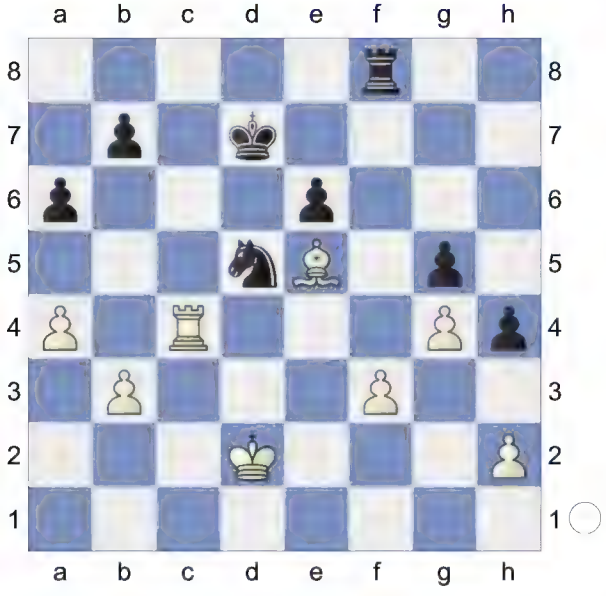


36.Re1 Nd5 37.Be5 Bb4+ -0.01/20
[37...Rf8∓ -0.33/21
is more appropriate.]
38.Nxb4 The position is equal.
38...Nxb4 Endgame KRB-KRN **39.Re4 Nd5 40.Rc4** Strongly threatening Rxc8.
40...Rf8



41.Ke2 Ke7 42.Rc5 Rd8 43.Rc1 Kf7 44.Rc4 Kg6 45.Kf2 Kf7

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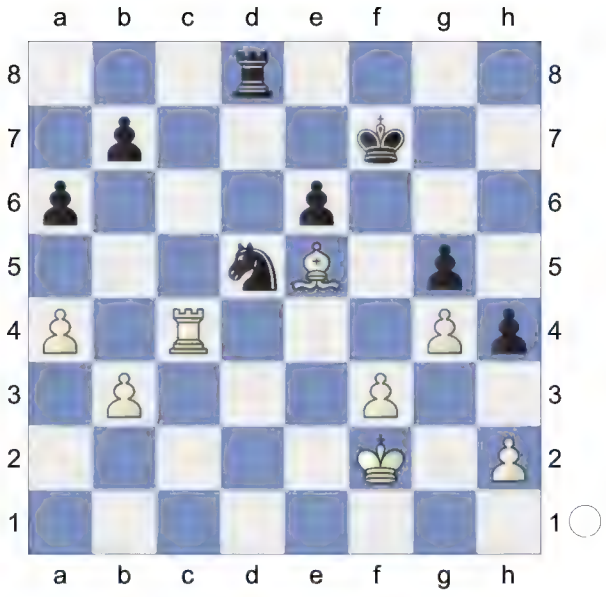
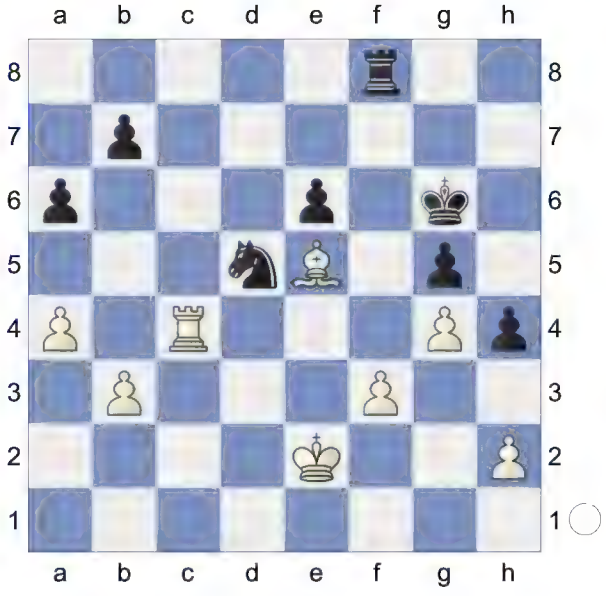


46.Ke2 Kg6 47.Kf2 Ra8 48.Ke2 Rf8 49.Rc1 Rd8 50.Rc4 Rf8



51.Rc1 Rd8 52.Rc4 Rf8

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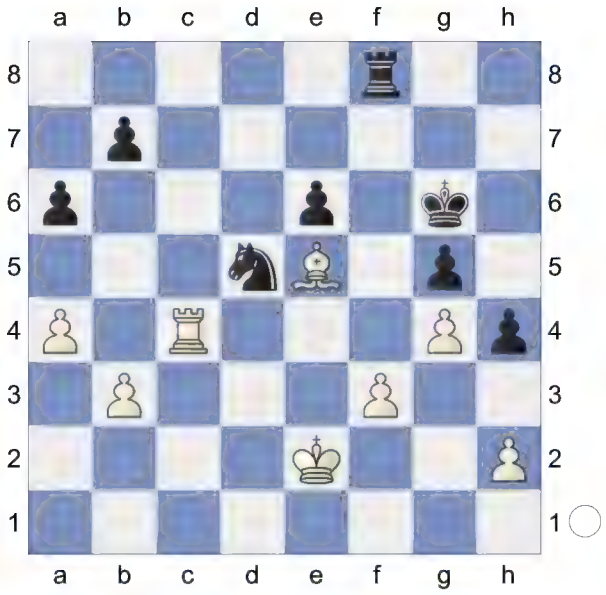

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30 **C80**
□ **Divya,Deshmukh** **2470**
■ **Tsolakidou,Stavroula** **2445**
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C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**

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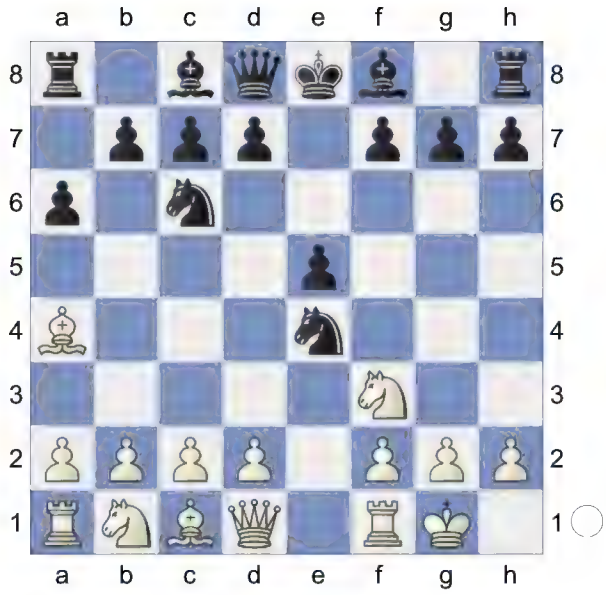

6.d4 Be7 7.Re1 b5 8.Rxe4 d5

9.Nxe5! Nxe5 10.Rxe5 White is slightly better. **10...bxa4**

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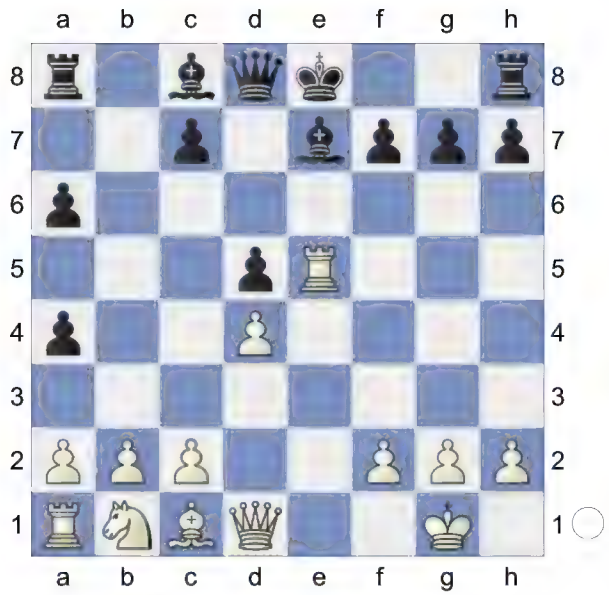
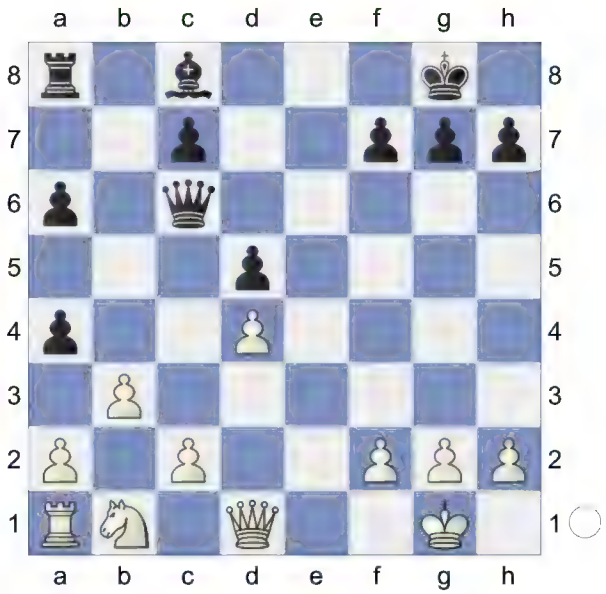
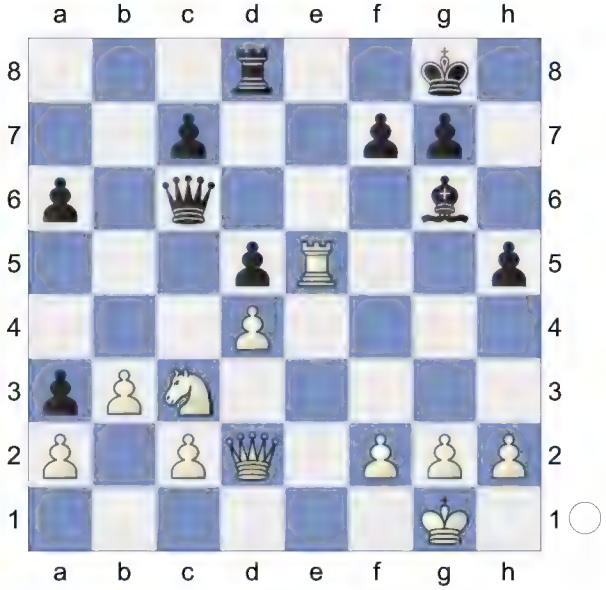


11.b3 0.27/21
[11.Nc3± 0.65/19 c6 12.Nxa4]
11...0-0= 12.Ba3
[Of course not 12.bxa4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8=]
12...Bxa3 13.Nxa3 Re8 14.Rxe8+ Qxe8 15.Nb1
[15.Qd2 Bf5 16.Re1 Qc6 17.c4 *(17.Re3 axb3 18.axb3 Re8 19.Rxe8+ Qxe8 20.Kf1 h6 21.f3 Qc6 22.g3 Qd6 23.Qa5 h5 24.Kf2 h4 25.c4 hxg3+ 26.hxg3 Qh6 27.cxd5 Qh2+ 28.Ke3 Qg1+ 29.Ke2 Qxg3 30.Nc4 Qg2+ 31.Ke3 Qg1+* Vovk,Y (2553)-Prokofyev,V (2288) Lvov 2022 ½-½ (38) *)* 17...axb3 18.axb3 h6 19.cxd5 Qxd5 20.Nc4 Be6 21.Re5 Qd7 22.d5 Rd8 23.dxe6 Qxd2 24.Nxd2 Rxd2 25.g3 fxe6 26.Rxe6 Ra2 27.Rc6 Ra3 28.Rxc7 Rxb3 29.Ra7 Ra3 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 (2780)-Molina,R (2872) Livny RUS 2019 Karpov: Move by Move [Nikolic,P;Kapengut,Albert] ½-½ (43)]
15...Qc6N
[15...axb3 16.cxb3 Qc6 17.Qd2 Bd7 18.Nc3 #3 10. Ruy Lopez Open (4. Ba4 Nf6-Open 6...Be7]



Prevents Nc3. **16.Qd2 Bf5 17.Nc3 a3 18.Re1 Rd8 19.Re2 h5 20.Re5**
[20.Qg5!? Rb8 21.Qe3± *(21.Qxf5 Qxc3 22.g3 Qa1+ 23.Kg2 Qxa2=)*]
20...Bg6



21.h3 Rd6 22.Kf1 f6 23.Re2 Re6 24.Rxe6 Qxe6 25.Nd1 Qd6

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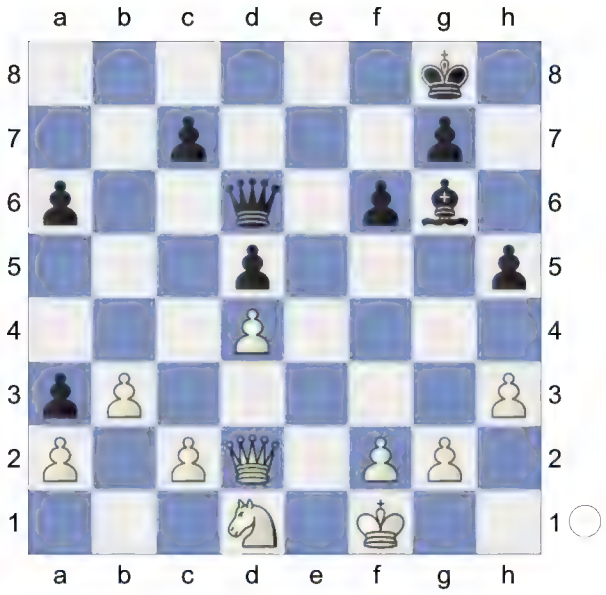
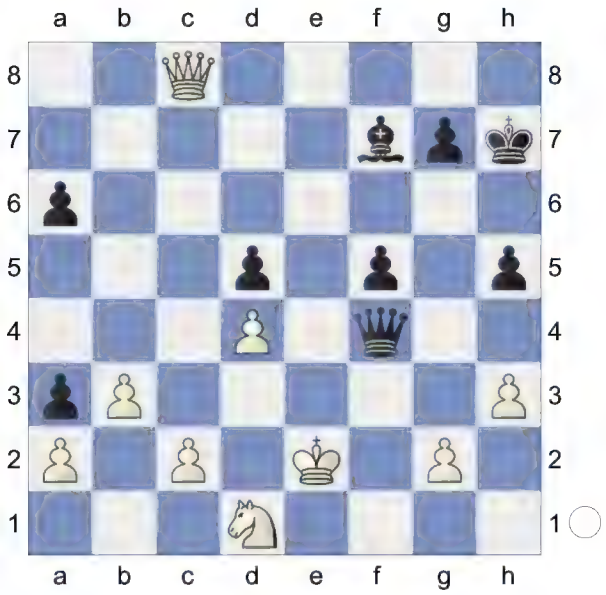
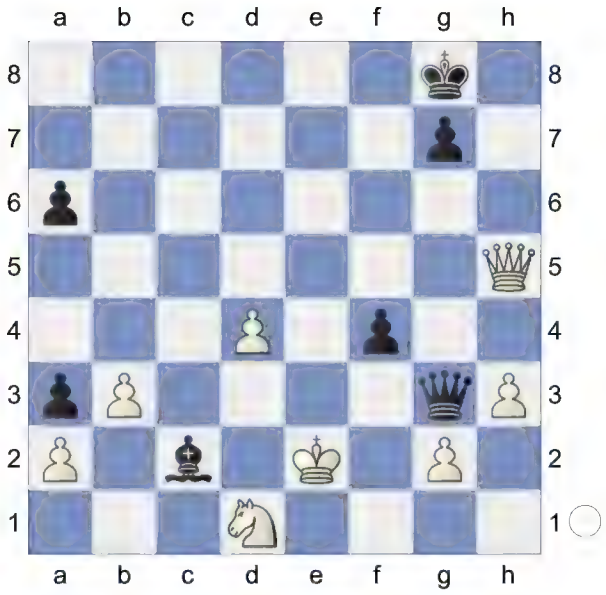


26.Ke2 c6 27.Qc3 f5 28.f4 Qxf4 29.Qxc6 Bf7 30.Qc8+ Kh7

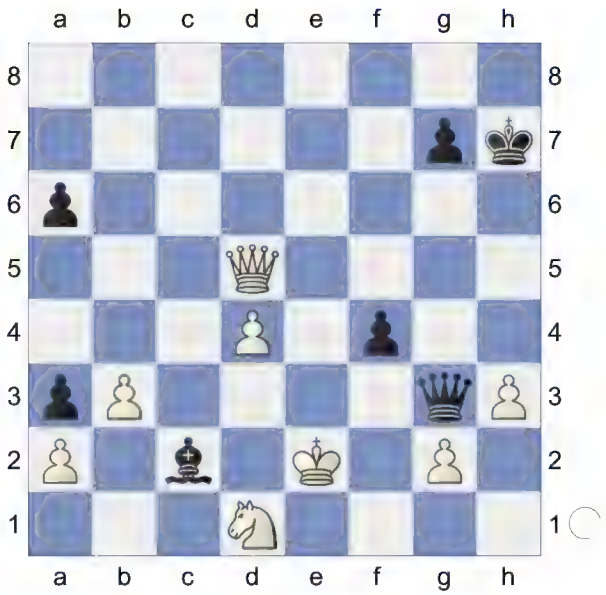


...h4 is the strong threat. **31.Ne3 Bg6 32.Qc5 Qg3** Strongly threatening ...f4. The position is equal. **33.Qxd5 f4 34.Nd1 Bxc2 35.Qxh5+ Kg8**

(Diagram)



36.Qe8+ Kh7 Threatens to win with ... Qd3+. **37.Qh5+ Kg8 38.Qe8+ Kh7** And now ...Qd3+ would win. **39.Qh5+ Kg8 40.Qd5+ Kh7**



White must now prevent ...Qd3+. **41.Qh5+**

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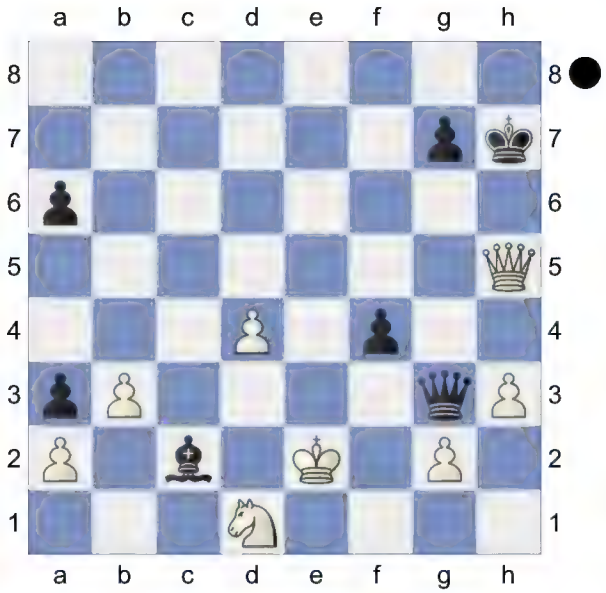

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31 **B48**
□ **Tsolakidou,Stavroula** **2445**
■ **Dzagnidze,Nana** **2513**
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[Kitty Kat]

B47: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 f4, 6 g3 and 6 Be2 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3**
[5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 44/01]
5...Qc7

(Diagram)

6.Be3N
[6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nce2 0-0 10.c4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.b3 Bd7 13.Bb2 Bc6 14.Rac1 b6 15.Nc3 Qb7 16.Rfe1 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Re8 18.Qd2 b5 19.Nd5 exd5 20.cxd5 Bd7 Damjanovic, M-Langeweg,K Beverwijk 1966 CI1-130 [RR] ½-½ (37) 21.e5 Ng4 22.h3 Nh6 23.e6 Bc8 24.g4 Qb8 25.g5 Nf5 26.Be4 fxe6 27.Bxf5 e5 28.Qd3 Bxf5 29.Qxf5 Qd8 30.h4 Rf8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Re4 Qb6 33.Rc2 Rae8 34.Rxe5 Qd8 35.Rf5 Rg8 Damjanovic,M-Browne,W San Juan 1969 CI1-130 [Byrne,Robert Eugene] ½-½ (37)]
6...Nf6 7.Ndb5 Qb8! 8.f4 a6

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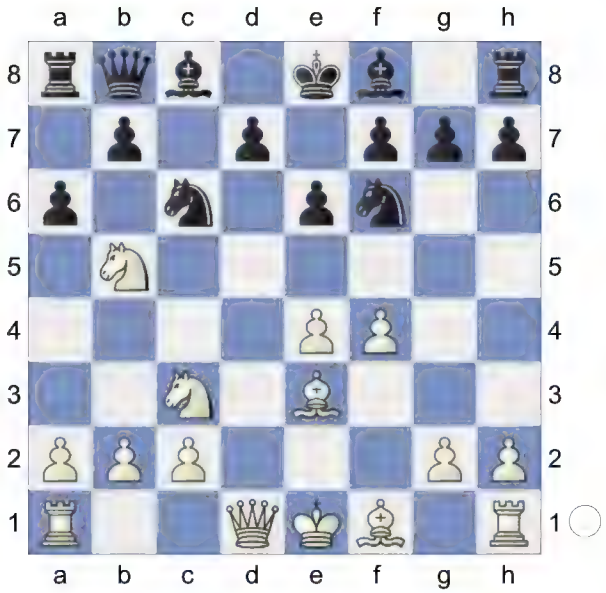


9.e5! axb5 10.exf6 White is slightly better. **10...b4!**

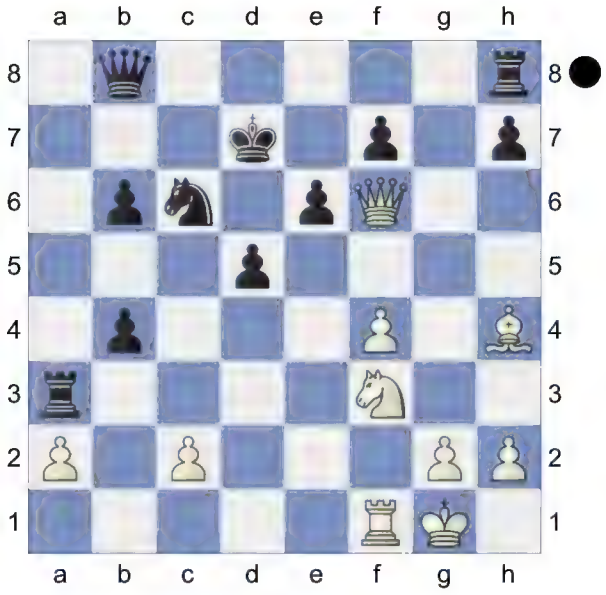
11.Nb5 b6 12.fxg7 Bxg7 13.Nd6+ Ke7! 14.Nc4 Ra6 15.Bd3 d5!

(Diagram)

16.Nd2 -0.17/19
[16.Qg4 Rg8 17.Ne5 *(17.Nd2 Kf8∓)* 17...Nxe5 18.fxe5 Qxe5 19.Qxb4+ Kd8]
[⌓16.Ne5 0.16/21 Nxe5 17.fxe5]
16...Bxb2= Threatens to win with ...d4.
17.0-0 Ra3
[17...Bxa1?! 18.Qxa1 Rg8 19.Bxa6 Bxa6 20.Rf2∓]
18.Bf2 -0.81/19
[18.Rb1= -0.21/19 keeps the balance. Bf6 19.Nf3]
18...Bxa1∓ &Nero is more active.
19.Qxa1 Ba6 20.Bh4+ -1.82/20 This bishop pair is nice.
[20.Bxa6∓ -1.03/20 Rxa6 21.c4]
20...Kd7-+

(Diagram)

21.Bxa6 Rxa6 22.Nf3 Ra3 23.Qf6



Qe8 24.f5 Rg8 25.Ng5 Rxa2

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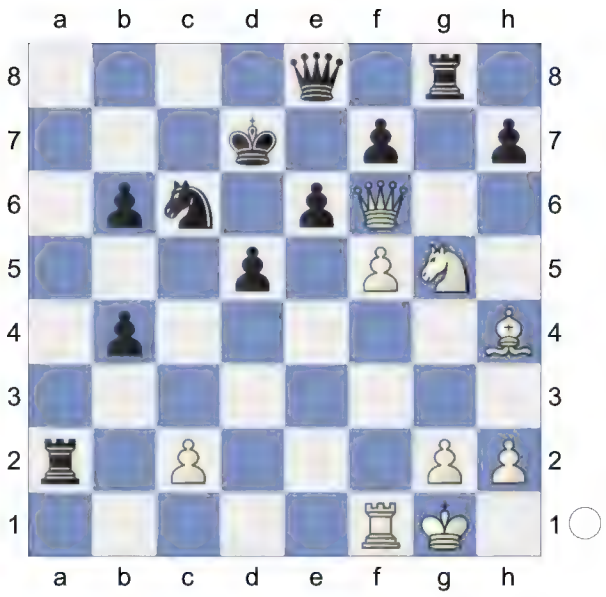
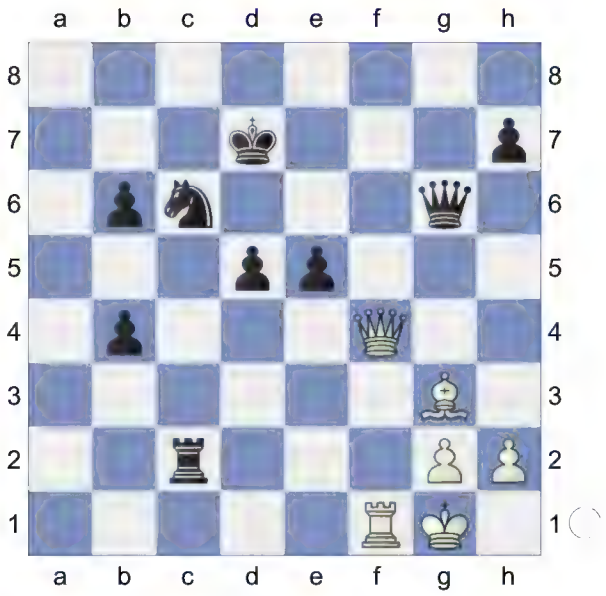


26.Qh6 Rxg5 27.fxe6+ fxe6 -1.10/21
[27...Qxe6-+ -2.25/23 (→ ...Rxg2+) 28.Qxg5 Rxc2]
28.Qxg5 -4.98/21 This move loses the game for White.
[28.Qxh7+∓ -1.10/21 Qe7 29.Qxe7+ Kxe7 30.Bxg5+ Ke8 31.h4]
28...Qg6 29.Qf4 Rxc2
[29...Qxc2 30.Qf7+ Kc8 31.Qg7= *(31.Qxe6+? Kb7-+)*]
30.Bg3 White wants to mate with Qd6+.
30...e5



31.Qf8 Ne7

[Stronger than 31...Qe4 32.Rf7+ Ke6 33.Rf6+ Kd7 34.Rf7+ Ke6 35.Rf6+ Kd7 36.Rf7+=]

32.Ra1? -7.53/21

[32.Re1 -3.90/19 Qc6 33.Bxe5 Qc5+ 34.Kf1]

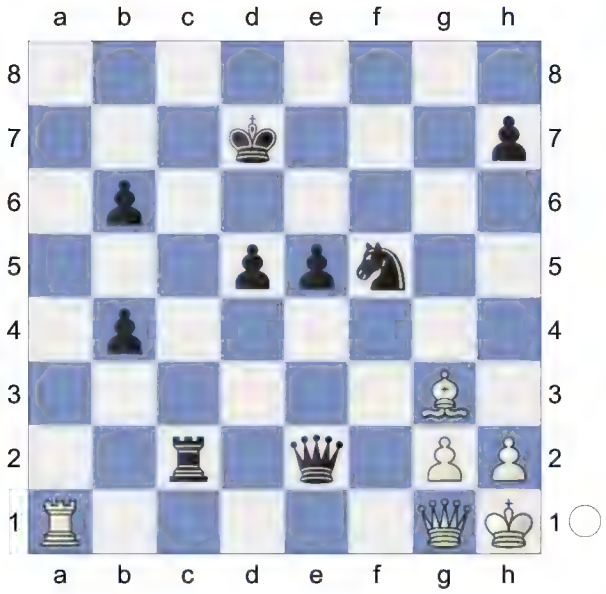
32...Qg5 White must now prevent ... Qe3+.

[Weaker is 32...Qe4 33.Ra7+ Kc6 34.Qe8+ Kc5 35.Rc7+ *(35.Qxe7+ Kc4-+)* 35...Kd4 36.Rxc2 Qxc2 37.Qxe7 Qb1+ 38.Kf2 Qf5+ 39.Kg1 Qb1+ 40.Kf2 Qc2+ 41.Kg1 Qb1+∓]

33.Qf1 -6.58/22

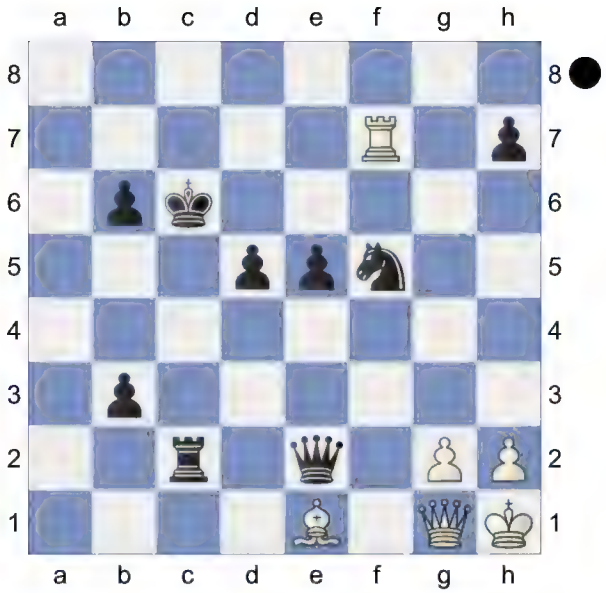
[⩲33.Ra7+ -4.34/21 Rc7 34.Rxc7+ Kxc7 35.h4 Qxg3 36.Qxe7+ Kc6 37.Qxb4]

33...Qe3+ 34.Kh1 Qe2 Against Qb5+ **35.Qg1 Nf5**

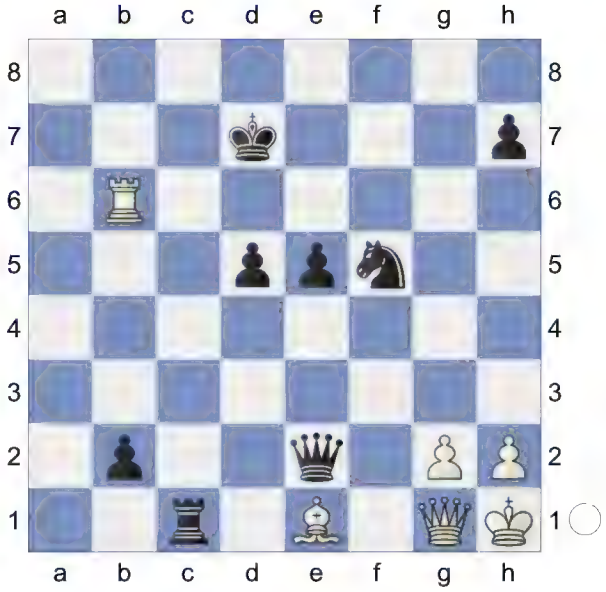


36.Be1 b3 37.Ra7+ Kc6 38.Rf7

(Diagram)



b2! Black mates. **39.Rf6+ Kd7 40.Rxb6 Rc1**



41.Rb7+ Kc8

(Diagram)

Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.26 (precise)
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32 **C11**
□ **Zhu,Jiner** **2514**
■ **Divya,Deshmukh** **2470**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (7.2) 22.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5**

(Diagram)

6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qd2 a6 9.a3 0-0 10.dxc5 Nxc5

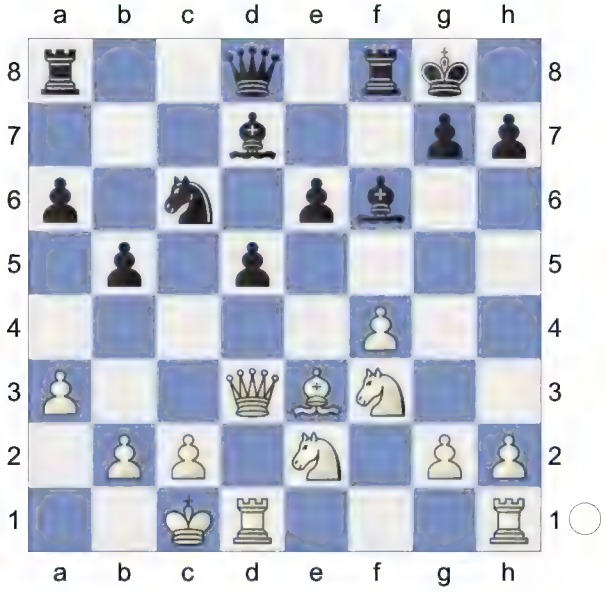
11.Bd3N -0.29/17
[⌓11.Nd4 0.12/18]
[11.Qf2 b6 12.b4 f6 *(12...Nd7 13.Bd3 f6 14.Qg3 d4 15.0-0-0 dxe3 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Qh3+ Kg8 18.Qxe6+ Kh8 19.Qxc6 Ra7 20.Nh4 Qe8 21.Nd5 Kh7 22.Nxe7 Qxe7 23.Nf5 Nxe5 24.Nxe7 Nxc6 25.Nxc6 Rc7 26.Nd4 Re8 27.Rd3* Hantel,T (2808)-Moskvichev,V (2654) Berlin 2016 Inf 69 [Nastasio,Davide] 1-0

(38)) 13.bxc5 bxc5 14.Bxc5 Qa5 15.Bd4 fxe5 16.Nxe5 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Rxf4 18.Nc6 Bc5 19.Qe5 Bd6 20.Qxg7+ Kxg7 21.Nxa5 Be5 22.Kd2 Rf2+ 23.Kd3 Bf4 24.Ne2 Bg5 25.Ng3 Bd7 Tari,A (2596) - Bluebaum,M (2632) Moscow 2017 CBM 181 [Szabo,Krisztian] ½-½]
[11.0-0-0 b5 12.Qf2 Nd7 13.Nd4 Bb7 14.Bd3 b4 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.axb4 Bxb4 17.Bd4 Bb5 18.f5 Qg5+ 19.Kb1 Bxd3 20.Rxd3 Bxc3 21.Bxc3 Rac8 22.Rg3 Qh5 23.f6 g6 24.Re1 Rc4 25.b3 Rh4 Ochedzan,T (2276)-Samani,Y (2351) Paphos 2023 1-0 (63)]

11...f5 And now ...d4 would win. **12.exf6 Nxd3+ 13.Qxd3 Bxf6** 0.43/19
[13...Rxf6= 0.00/20 feels stronger. 14.0-0-0 *(14.Ng5 Rf5=)* 14...b5]

14.0-0-0!± b5 15.Ne2 -0.10/18
[15.Bc5± 0.45/20]

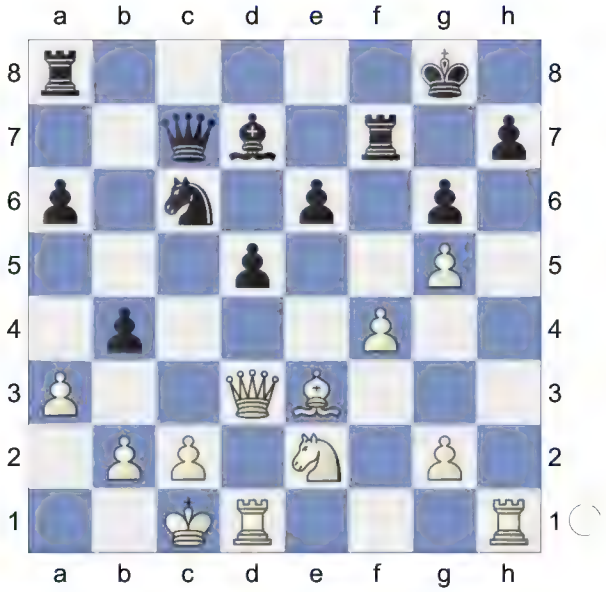
15...Bd7 0.60/20
[Black should play 15...b4= -0.10/18]



16.Bc5 Rf7 17.h4 Qc7 0.95/18
[17...Rc8!± 0.51/18]

18.Ng5± Bxg5 19.hxg5 g6 20.Be3 -0.01/21 &Bianco is more active.
[20.Rh4± 0.87/18]

20...b4=



21.a4↑ White has good play. **21...b3** 0.88/20
[21...e5= -0.01/21 remains equal. 22.fxe5 *(22.Qxd5 Bg4∓)* 22...Bg4]

22.Qxb3± Na5 1.65/21
[22...Rc8± 0.93/21]

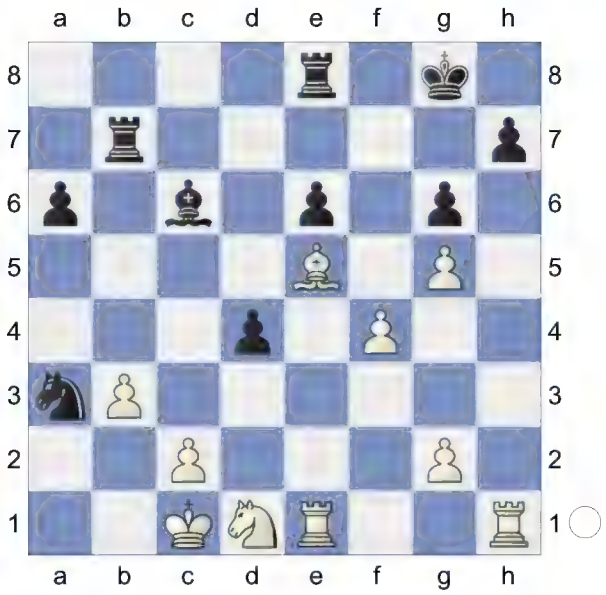
23.Qb6!+-
[23.Qc3?! Qxc3 24.Nxc3 Nc4±]

23...Bxa4 24.Nc3 Threatens to win with Qxc7. **24...Nc4 25.Qxc7** Really sharp!
[Not 25.Qxe6? Re8! 26.Nxd5 *(26.Qxa6? Bc6-+)* 26...Rxe6∓]

25...Rxc7

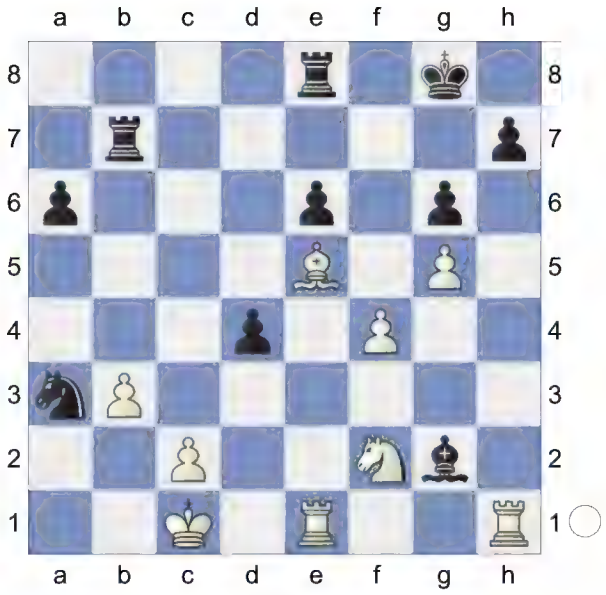
(Diagram)

26.Bd4 Bc6 27.Rde1 Re8 28.b3 Na3 29.Be5 Rb7 30.Nd1 d4

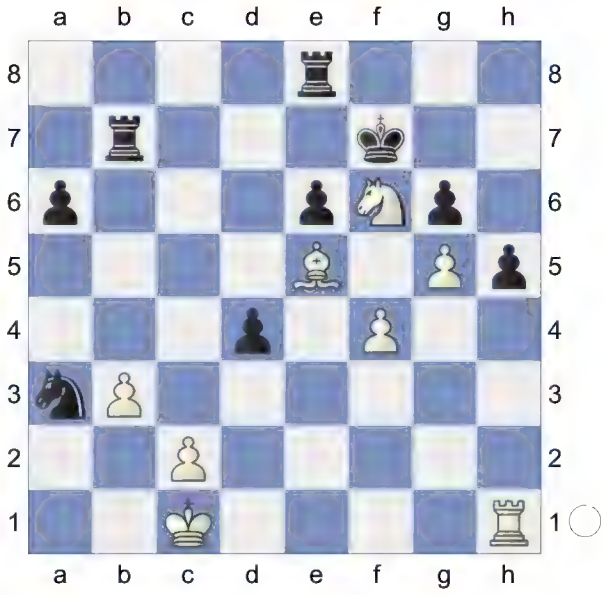


Prevents Ne3. **31.Nf2** 1.13/23
[31.Bxd4+- 1.69/23 aiming for Ne3. Bxg2 32.Rh2]
31...Bxg2±

(Diagram)

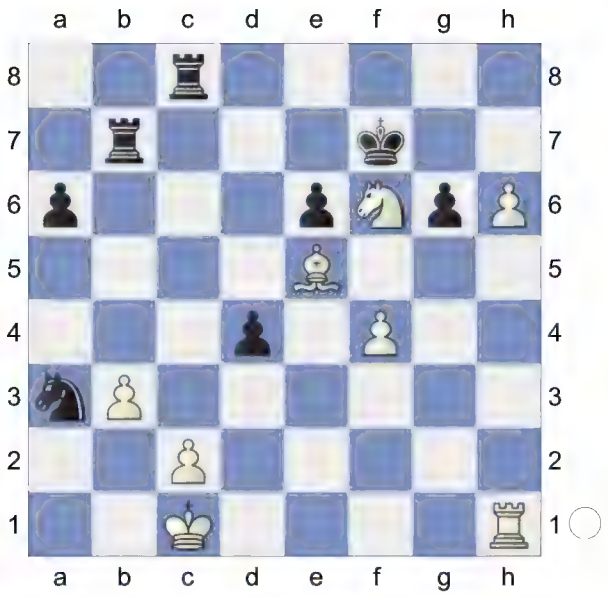


Hoping for ...Rc8. **32.Ng4!** **Bxh1**
33.Nf6+ Kf7? 3.11/25 Loses the game.
[33...Kf8± 1.24/25]
34.Rxh1+-
[34.Nxe8 Kxe8 35.Rxh1 d3±]
34...h5

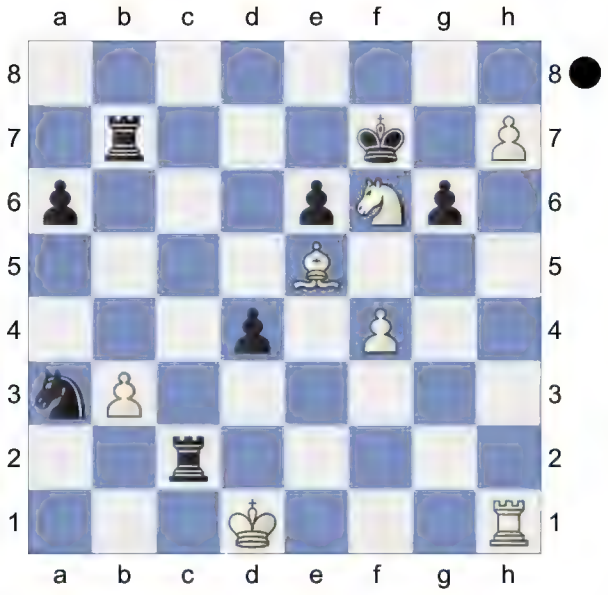


Strongly threatening ...Rc8. **35.gxh6!**
[Inferior is 35.Nxe8 Kxe8 36.Bxd4 Nb5=]
35...Rc8

(Diagram)



36.h7 Rxc2+ 1.96/5
[36...Rxb3 3.95/26 was called for. 37.h8N+ Rxh8 38.Rxh8 Rb1+ 39.Kd2 g5 40.Bxd4 *(40.Rh7+ Kg6±)* 40...Rb4]
37.Kd1



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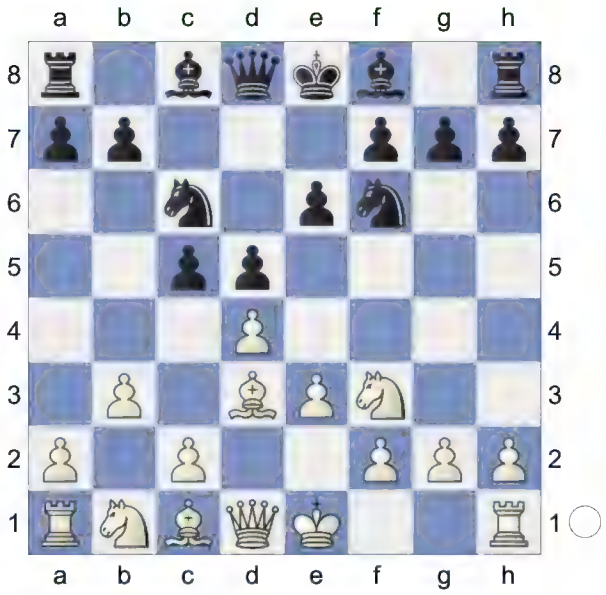
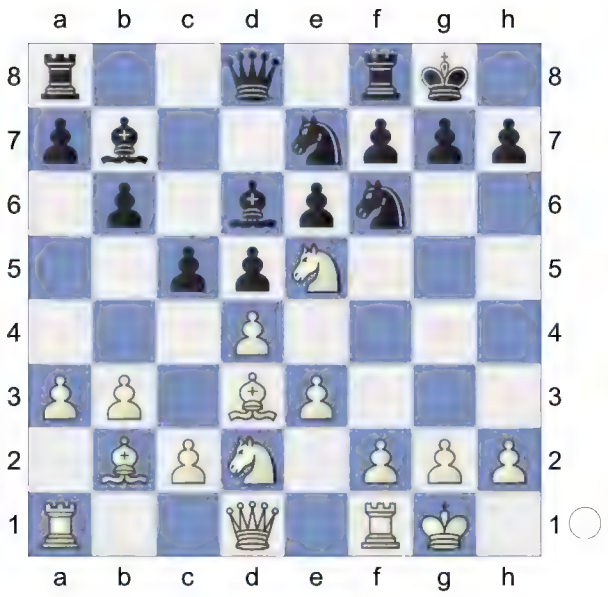
33 **D05**
□ **Badelka,Olga** **2429**
■ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2516**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (7.3) 22.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D05: Colle System with ...e6 **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 e6**
[3...c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 18.Rad1 Klugel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) ICCF 2015 OM Corr 202003 [Bellmann,Herbert] ½-½]
4.Bd3 c5 5.b3 Nc6N
[5...b6 6.0-0 Bb7 7.Bb2 Nbd7 8.Nbd2 Be7 9.Ne5 0-0 10.f4 cxd4 11.exd4 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 10) Queen ⇗s Gambit Declined - Queen ⇗s Gambit Declined Odds 1… e6 Against Everything 2024]



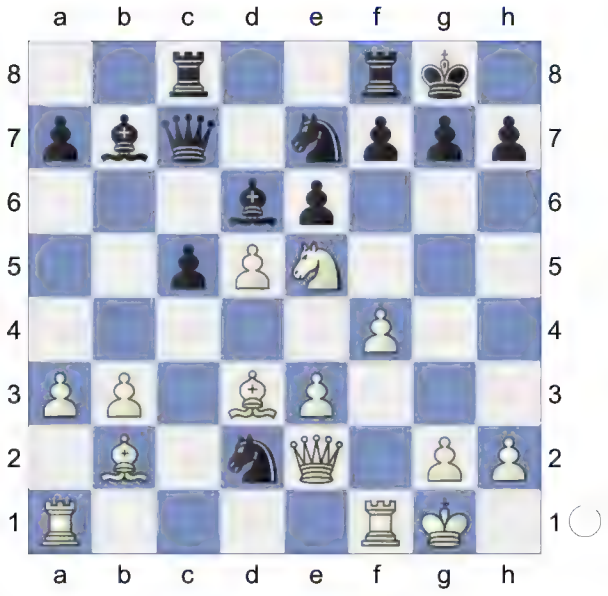
6.Bb2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Nbd2 Bd6
The position is equal. **9.Ne5 0-0 10.a3 Ne7**



11.Qe2 Qc7 12.f4 Rac8 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.c4 Ne4 0.41/18

[14...Rfd8= -0.12/15]

15.cxd5± Nxd2



16.dxe6 Ne4? 2.58/20 A mistake that costs the game.

[16...Nxf1? 17.Bxh7+! Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.exf7+ Rxf7 20.Qxf7+ Kh8 21.Nd7!+- *(21.Kxf1 Nd5=)*]

[Black should try 16...f6!± 0.40/20 17.Nf7 Ne4]

17.Nxf7+-

[17.exf7+?! Kh8±]

17...Nf5 18.Bc4 The board is on fire.

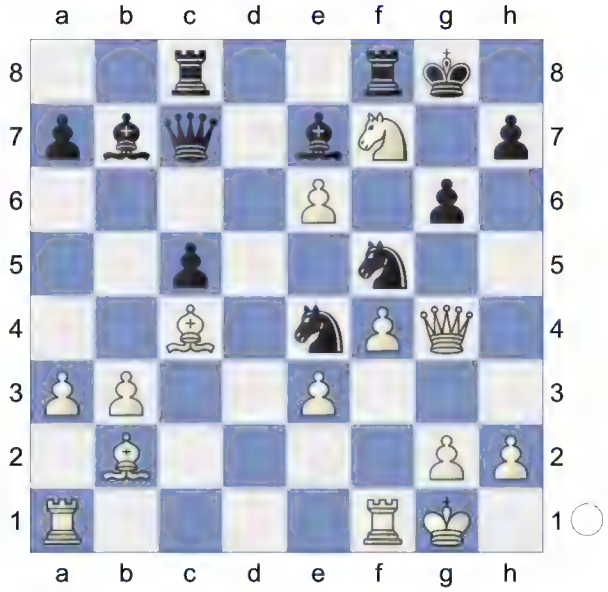
[Weaker is 18.Qh5 c4! 19.bxc4 *(19.Nxd6 Nexd6 20.bxc4 Be4∓)* 19...Nxe3∓]

18...Be7? 3.86/22

[18...Rxf7 1.91/20 19.exf7+ Kf8]

19.Qg4 Ned6

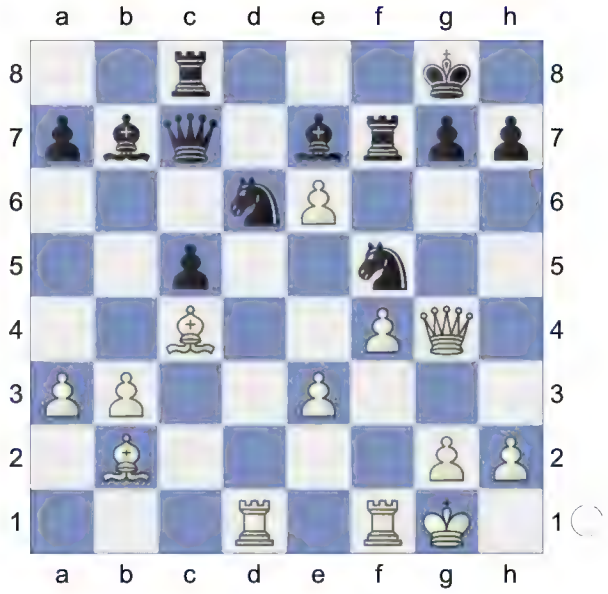
[19...g6?



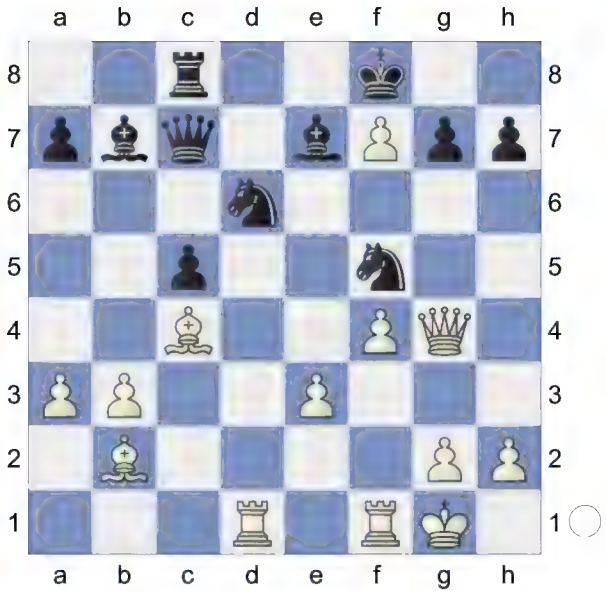
20.Qxf5!! Bf6 21.Bxf6!+-]

20.Rad1 White is clearly winning.

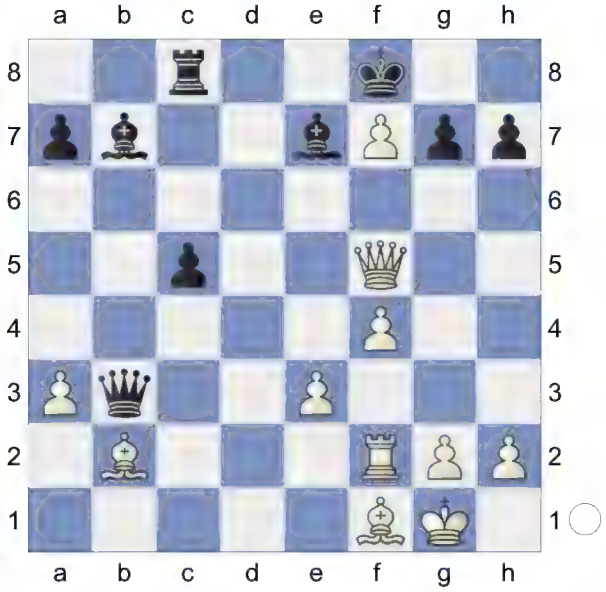
20...Rxf7



21.exf7+ Kf8

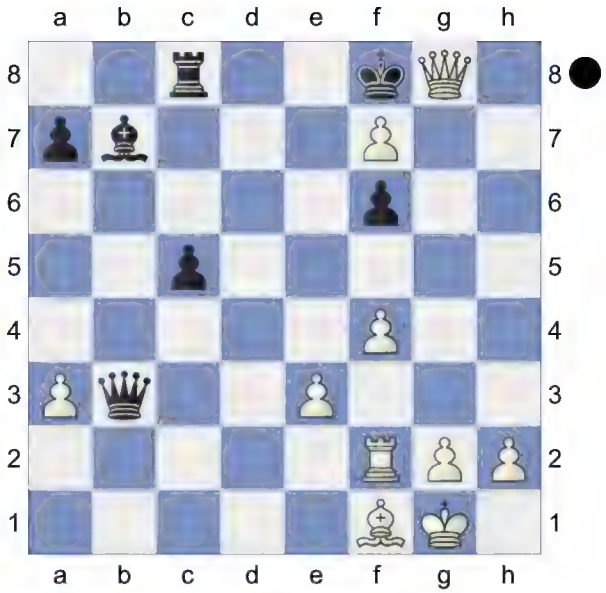


22.Rxd6 Qxd6 23.Qxf5 Qd2 24.Rf2 Qd1+ 25.Bf1 Qxb3



26.Qxh7 Bf6 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.Qg8+

(Diagram)



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34 **D41**
□ **Paehtz,Elisabeth** **2424**
■ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2548**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (7.4) 22.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

A32: Symmetrical English: 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 e6 RR: 'Inf 63/(37)' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 c5 5.cxd5 cxd4**

(Diagram)

6.Nxd4 Nxd5 7.Bd2 Nf6N

[7...Be7 8.e3 *(8.e4 Nxc3 9.Bxc3 0-0 10.Be2 Qb6 11.Qb3 Rd8 12.Qxb6 axb6 13.a3 Na6 14.Bxa6 Rxa6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rfd1 Raa8 17.f3 e5 18.Nf5 Bc5+ 19.Kf1 g6 20.Ng3 f6 21.Ke1 Ba4 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8* Ferri,S (2743) -Sudgen,J (2770) (3...Ng4) 2020 EXP 61 Bank Hofmann [Finegold,B] 0-1 (59)*)* 8...0-0 9.Nxd5 *(9.Be2 e5 10.Nxd5 Qxd5 11.Nb5 Na6 12.0-0 Qe6 13.Bc3 f6 14.b3 Qb6 15.Qe1 Be6 16.Ba5 Qc6 17.Rc1 Qe8 18.Qd2 b6 19.Bc3 Qg6 20.Rfd1 Kh8 21.Qe1 h6 22.Qf1 Rfd8 23.Rxd8+ Bxd8* Brynell,S (2397)-Pedersen,D (2142) Ballerup 2023 1-0 *)* 9...Qxd5 10.Qb3 Qxb3 11.axb3 Bd7 12.Bc3 Nc6 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Bd3 Rfd8 15.Ke2 Rd7 Piket,J (2670)-Brodsky,M (2535) Wijk aan Zee 1995 CI1-130 [Brodsky, Michail]]

8.Bf4 Nd5 9.Bd2 Nf6 10.Bf4 Nd5

(Diagram)

11.Bd2

½-½

35	**D02**
☐ **Dronavalli,Harika**	**2483**
■ **Muzychuk,Mariya**	**2490**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (7.5)	22.03.2025

[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 **1.d4 d5**

2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c3N

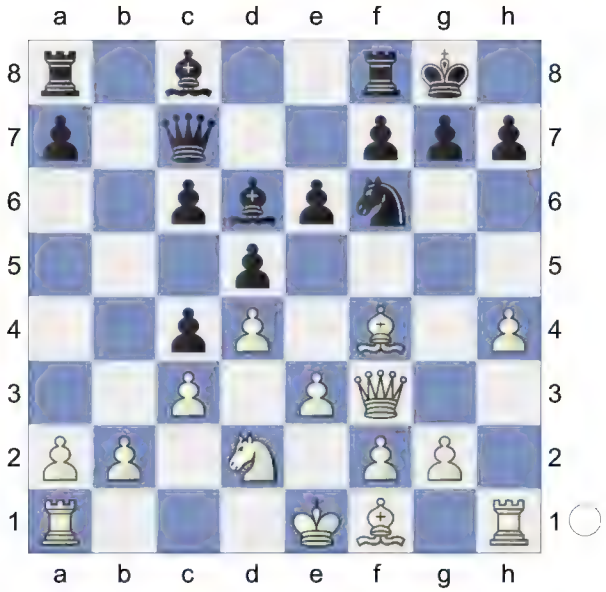
[3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Bg5 Be6 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Bd5 12.e3 f5 13.Ned2 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 D 02/08]

[3.e3 c5 4.c4 *(4.b3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Bb2 Bd6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.c4 Qe7 12.Ne5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Rfd8 15.Rad1* D 04/01 *)* 4...cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 Klugel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) ICCF 2015 OM Corr 202003 [Bellmann, Herbert] ½-½]

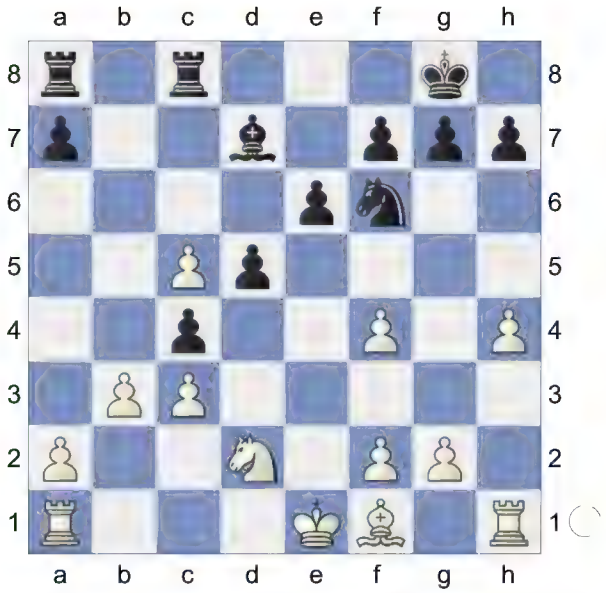
[3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bb2 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 b6 9.Nbd2 Bb7 10.Ne5 c5 11.cxd5 Bxd5 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Qg4 g6 15.Bc2 Rc8 16.Rac1 Qe7 17.Rfd1 b5 Mitsis,G (2412)-Kupervaser,E (2262) Belgrade 2023 ½-½ (39)]

3...e6 4.Bf4 Bd6 5.e3 0-0

6.Nbd2 c5 7.Ne5 c4 8.h4 Nc6 9.Qf3 Qc7 10.Nxc6 bxc6



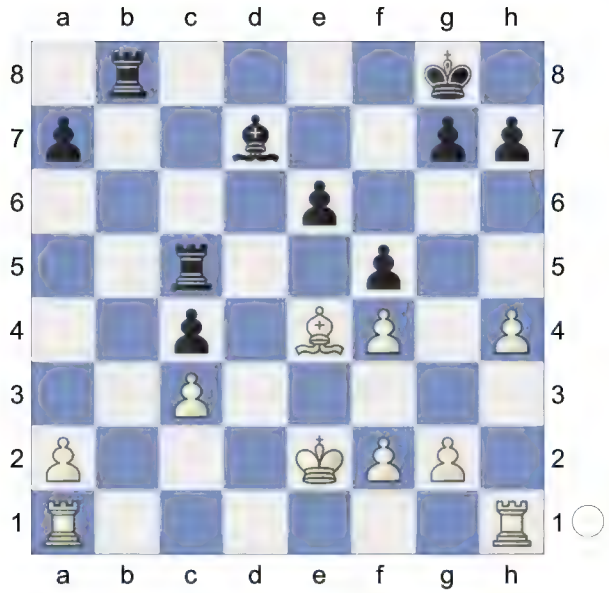
11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Qf4 Qxf4 13.exf4 c5 14.dxc5 Bd7 15.b3 Rfc8



16.bxc4 Rxc5 17.Bd3 dxc4 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 The position is equal.

19...Rb8 20.Ke2 f5

(Diagram)



21.Bf3! Bc6 22.Bxc6 Rb2+ 23.Ke3 Rxc6 24.Rhd1 Rc2 25.Rdc1 Rb2

26.Rd1 Rc2 27.Rdc1 Rb2 28.Rd1

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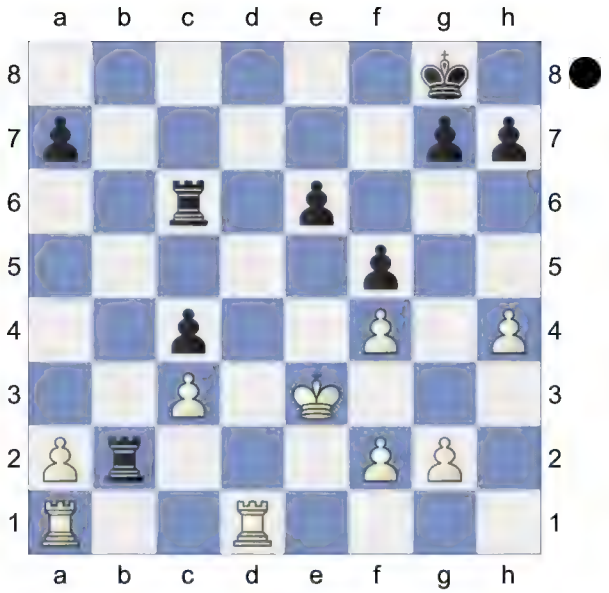

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½-½

36 **D95**
□ **Dzagnidze,Nana** **2513**
■ **Muzychuk,Mariya** **2490**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (8.1) 23.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

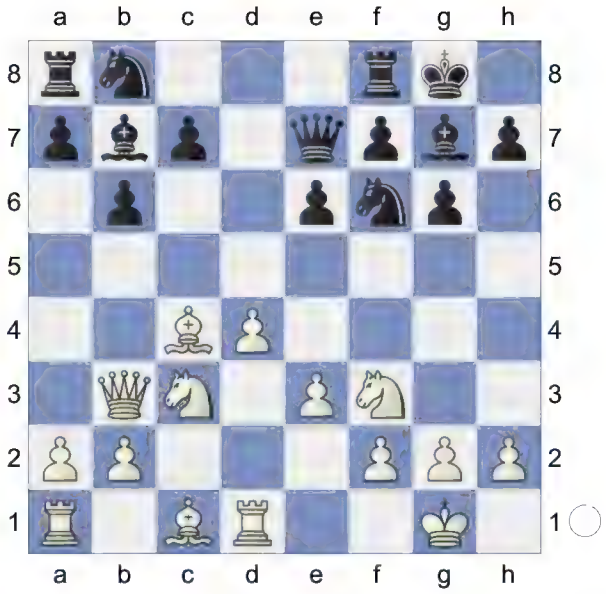
D95: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3 0-0 6 Qb3 Plachetka,J: 'Inf 44/(585)' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.e3 0-0**

(Diagram)

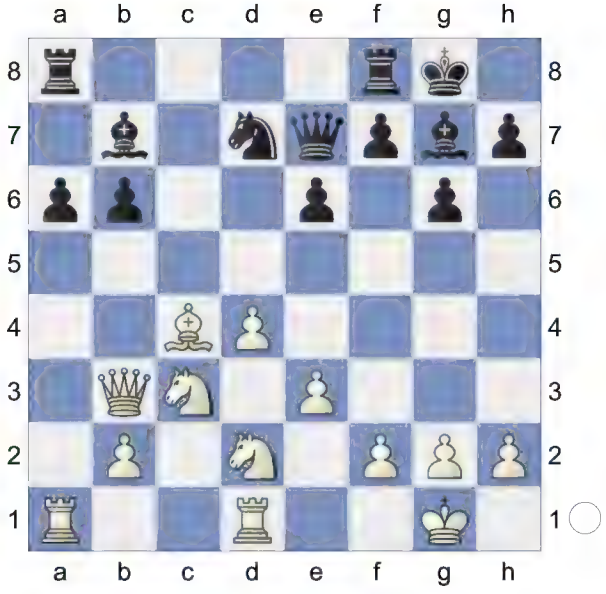
6.Qb3 e6 7.Be2 dxc4N

[7...b6 8.cxd5 *(8.0-0 Bb7 9.Rd1 Nbd7 10.Bd2 c5 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Qa3 Qb8 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.Bc3 Ne4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Rac1 Rc8 18.b3 Kg8 19.Qb2 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Qd8 21.Nd2 Nxd2 22.Qxd2 Rc8* Genc,U-Mellado Trivino, J corr ICCF 1933 200 Traps In The Opening [IainMackintosh] ½-½ *)* 8...exd5 9.0-0 *(9.Ne5 Bb7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.f4 c5 12.Bd2 a6 13.a4 Rb8 14.Rad1 c4 15.Qc2 Ba8 16.b3 b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.b4 Ne4 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.Nxd7 Qxd7* Farago,S (2285) -Plachetka,J (2430) Harkany 1987 CI1-130 [Plachetka, Jan] *)* 9...Bb7 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Rd1 a5 12.Bd2 Qe7 13.Rac1 c6 14.Be1 Rfe8 15.h3 Rab8 16.Nd2 Ba8 17.Nf1 h6 18.f3 Nh5 19.g4 Nhf6 20.Bg3 Rb7 21.e4 Qb4 22.Qc2 Letic,S-Raty,S Finland 1987 Corr Nr. 1 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (41) Nh7 23.e5 Rbb8 24.f4 Rbd8 25.Nh2 Qe7 26.Nf3 Nb8 27.f5 gxf5 28.gxf5 f6 29.e6 Ng5 30.Kh2 c5 31.Nb5 Nxf3+ 32.Bxf3 Na6 33.Bh5 Bc6 34.Bf4 Qf8 35.Rg1 Kh8 36.Qd2 Re7 37.Nd6 Lothian,R-Sanchez Miguel,J Cappelle la Grande FRA 1987 Lexikon04 [Dragan Solak] 1-0 (41)]

8.Bxc4 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Rd1 Qe7

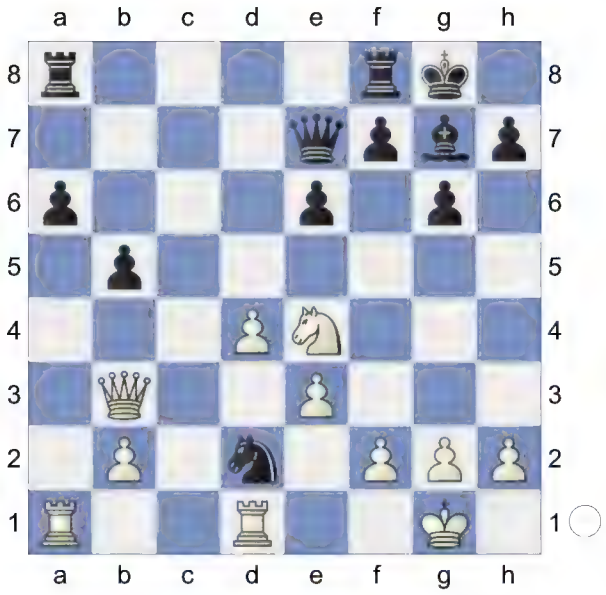


11.Bd2 Nbd7 12.a4 Ne4 13.a5 Nxd2 14.Nxd2 a6 15.axb6 cxb6

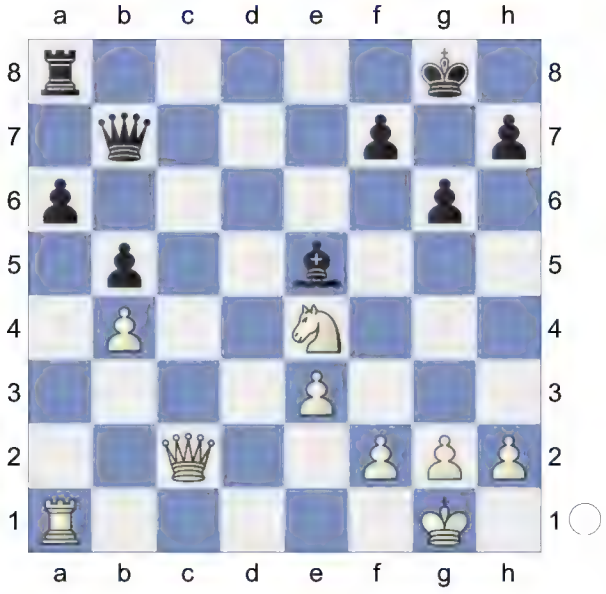


16.Be2 b5 17.Bf3 Bxf3 18.Nxf3 Nb6 19.Ne4 Nc4 20.Nfd2 Nxd2

(Diagram)

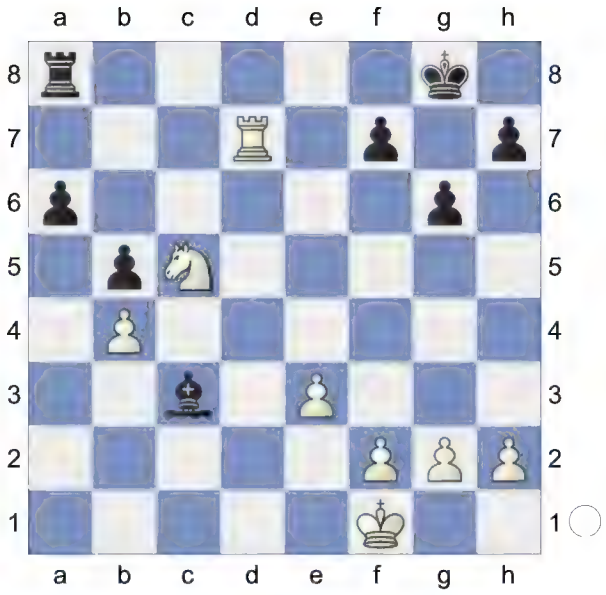


21.Rxd2 Rfc8 22.Rc2 Rxc2 23.Qxc2 Qb7 Prevents Qc6. **24.b4 e5 25.dxe5 Bxe5**

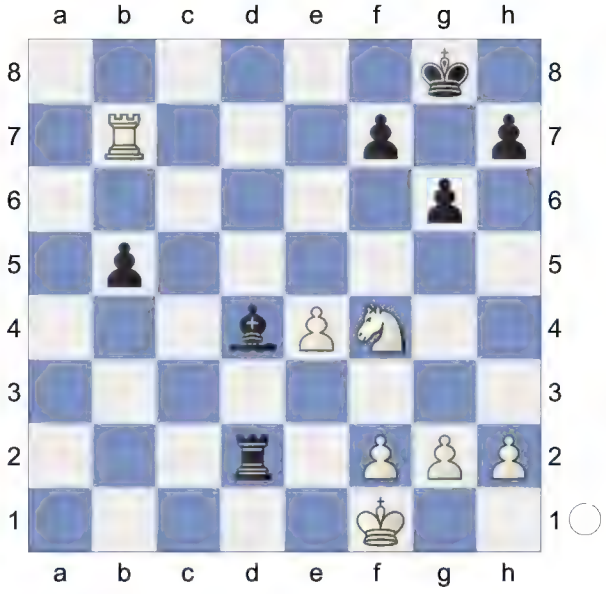


26.Rd1 Qc7 0.17/23
[26...Qc8∓ -0.31/22 27.Qd2 Qc4]
27.Qxc7= Bxc7 Endgame KRB-KRN
28.Kf1 Be5 29.Rd7 Bb2 30.Nc5 Bc3

(Diagram)

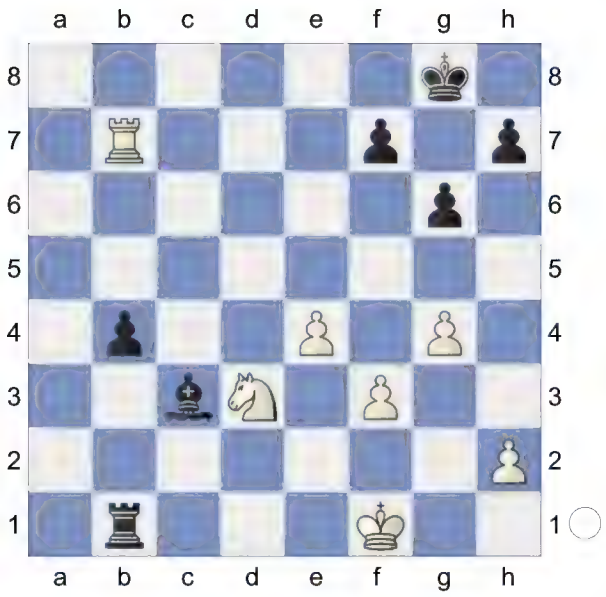


31.Nd3 a5 32.bxa5 Rxa5 33.e4 Ra2 34.Rb7 Rd2 35.Nf4 Bd4

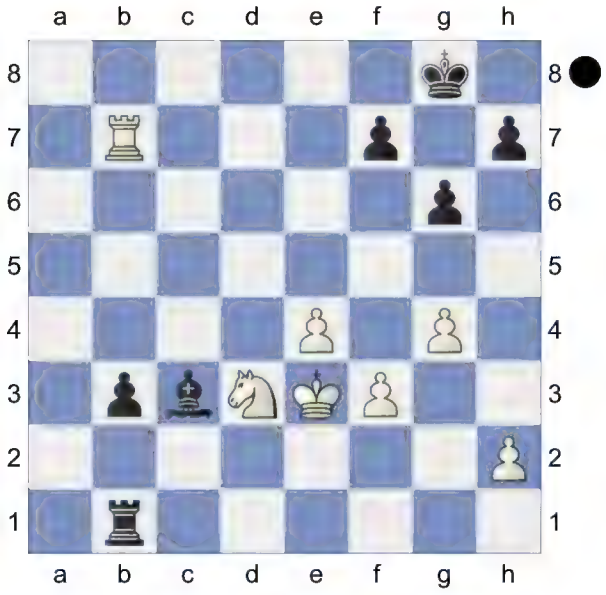


36.f3 Rf2+ 37.Ke1 Rb2 38.g4 -0.88/22
[38.Rb8+∓ -0.45/22 should be considered. Kg7 39.Rb7 Bc3+ 40.Kf1]
38...b4∓ 39.Nd3 -1.59/23
[⌓39.Kd1 -0.73/22]
39...Bc3+! 40.Kf1 Rb1+

(Diagram)

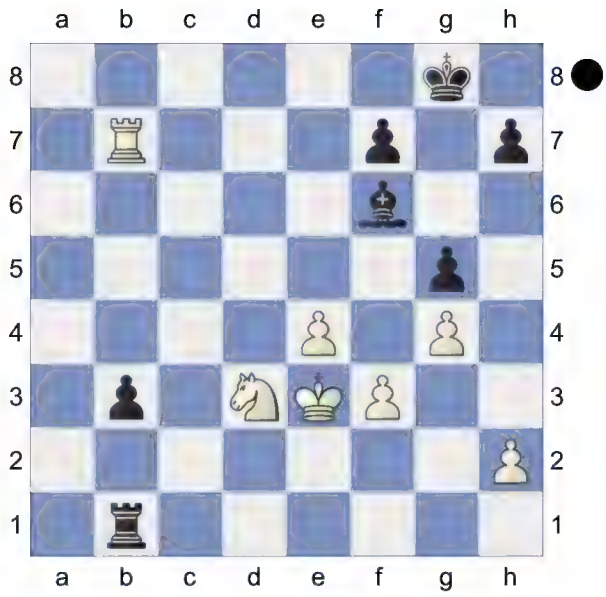


41.Ke2 b3 42.Ke3

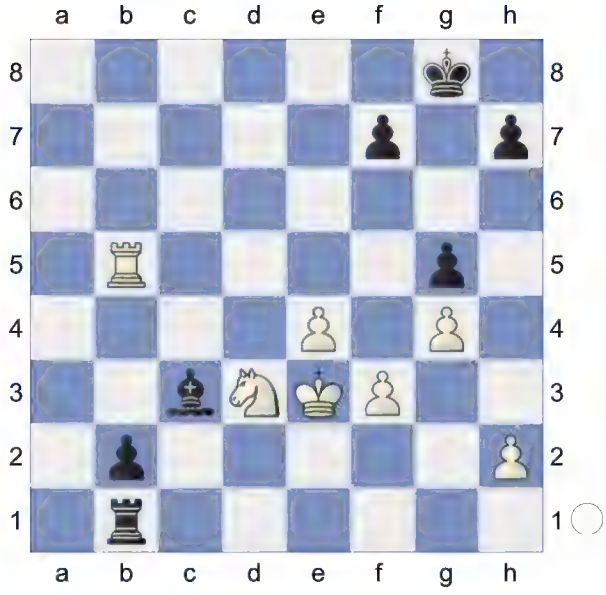


g5 -0.46/25
[Black should play 42...b2!-+ -1.86/24 aiming for ...Rd1. 43.f4 g5 44.fxg5 Rd1 45.Nxb2 Bd4+ 46.Kf4 Rf1+ 47.Kg3 Be5+ 48.Kg2 Rb1]
43.Rc7 -1.01/24
[43.Rb8+∓ -0.46/25 Kg7 44.e5]
43...Bf6 44.Rb7

(Diagram)



b2! 45.Rb5 Bc3 -0.07/26
[45...h6∓ -1.10/23 Threatens to win with ...Rd1. 46.Kd2 Rh1 47.Nxb2 Rxh2+ 48.Kc1 Rf2]



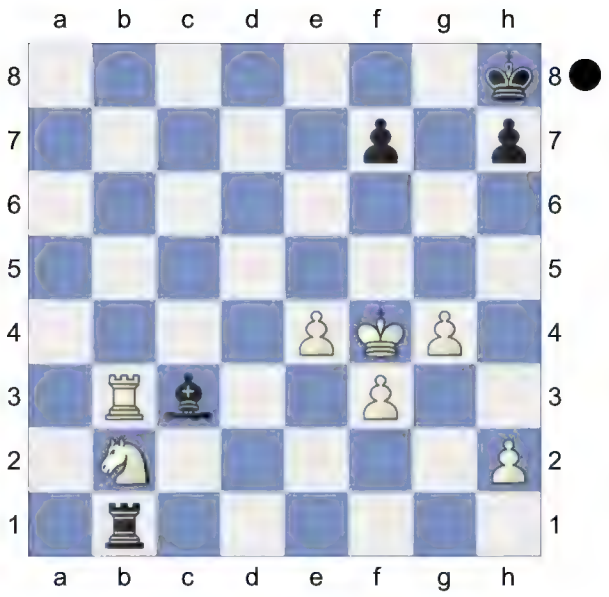
46.Rxg5+= Kh8 Hoping for ... Re1+!
47.Rb5 Rd1 -0.86/24
[47...f6= -0.01/25]
48.Nxb2∓ Bd4+ -0.01/24
[Better is 48...Rb1∓ -0.86/24]
49.Kf4= Rb1 50.Rb4 Bc3

(Diagram)

51.Rb3 Bd4 0.01/27
[51...Bxb2 -0.30/26 deserves consideration. 52.Kf5 Rf1]

52.Rb4! Bc3 53.Rb3

(Diagram)



Whites escaped into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) / Black=0.15 (very precise)
½-½

37 **C03**
□ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2548**
■ **Dronavalli,Harika** **2483**
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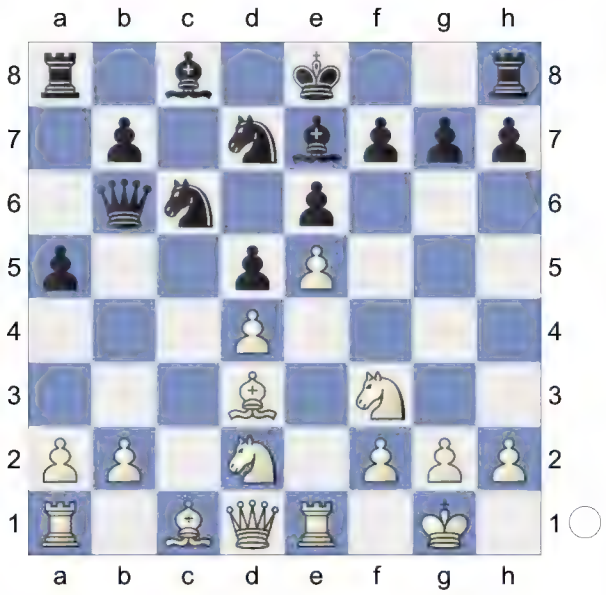
[Kitty Kat]

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7**

(Diagram)

6.c3 c5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.0-0 a5 9.Re1 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qb6



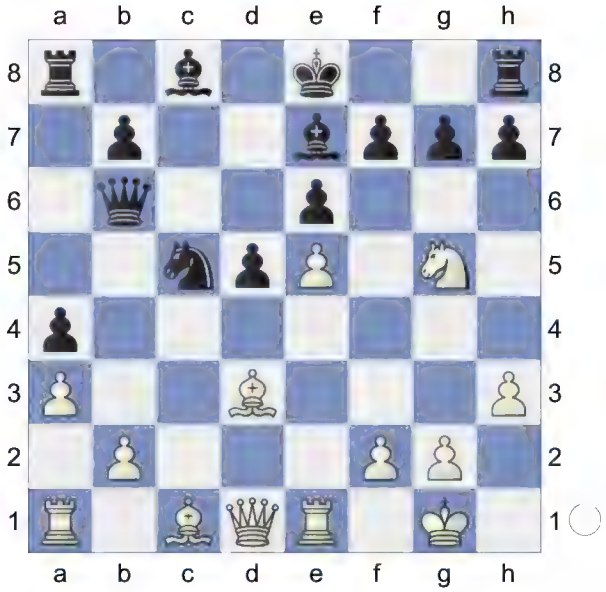
11.h3

[11.a4 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Nf3 Qb6 14.Be3 Nc5 15.Bb5+ Bd7 16.Bxd7+ Kxd7 17.Nd4 Qb4 18.Qf3 Rhf8 19.Red1 Nxa4 20.Nf5 Nxb2 21.Rxd5+ exd5 22.Qxd5+ Kc7 23.Rc1+ Kb8 24.Nxe7 Qxe7 25.Bc5 Rd8 Naiditsch, A (2710)-Vallejo Pons, F (2706) Espana 119/83 2013 CI1-130 [Arsovic,Goran] 1-0 (35)]

11...a4N

[11...Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Nf3 Qb6 14.Be3 Bc5 15.Ng5 h6 16.Qh5 0-0 17.Nh7 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Qxb2 19.Rae1 Re8 20.Rf3 Re7 21.Nf6+ Nxf6 22.exf6 Rc7 23.fxg7 Rc1 24.Qxf7# 1-0 (24) Nasta,K (1922)-Clawitter,C (2050) Chess.com INT 2023]

12.a3 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.Nf3 Qb6 15.Ng5 Nc5



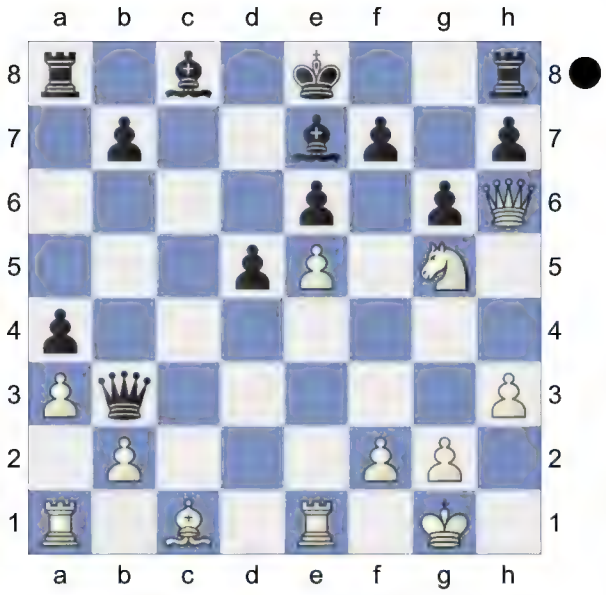
16.Bc2 Nb3⇄ Black puts up resistance

17.Bxb3

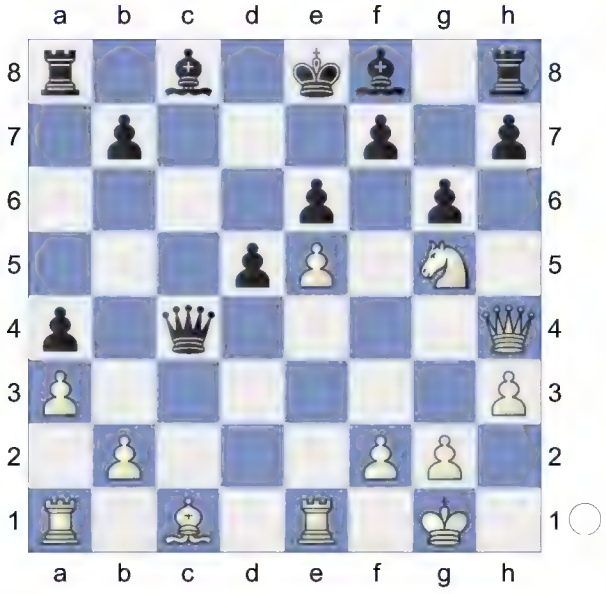
[Much weaker is 17.Be3 d4 18.Bxb3 dxe3 19.Bxa4+ Rxa4 20.Qxa4+ Bd7 21.Qa8+ Bd8∓]

17...Qxb3 18.Qh5 g6 19.Qh6

(Diagram)



And now Qg7 would win. **19...Bf8** Inhibits Qg7. **20.Qh4** Threatens to win with Qf4. **20...Qc4**

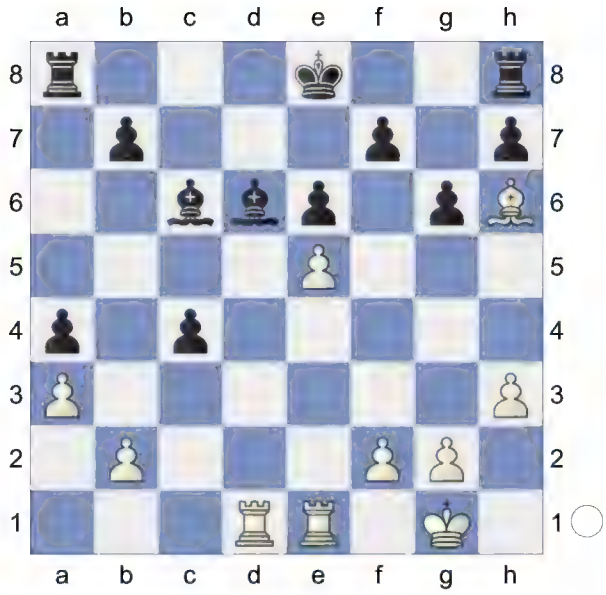


21.Qxc4

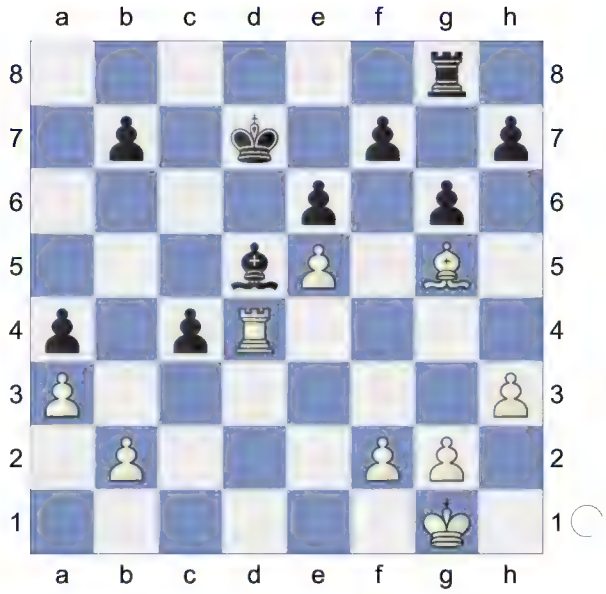
[21.g4 with more complications. h6 22.Nxf7 Kxf7 23.Qf6+]

21...dxc4 22.Ne4 Be7 23.Bh6 The position is equal. **23...Bd7 24.Rad1 Bc6 25.Nd6+! Bxd6**

(Diagram)

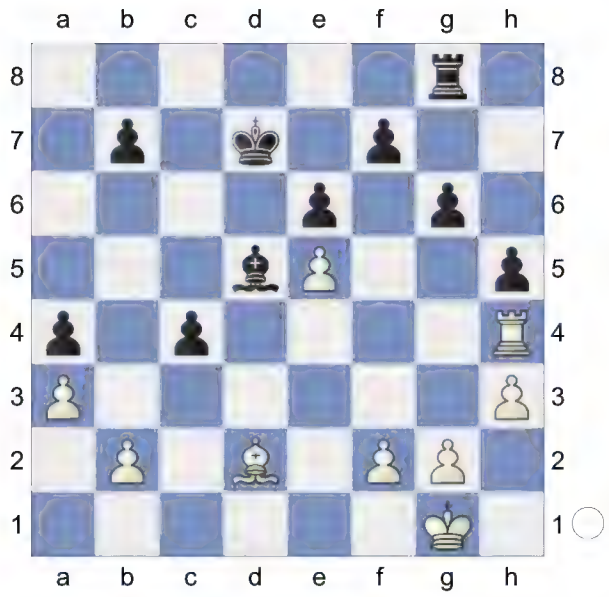


26.Rxd6 Rd8! 27.Red1 Bd5! aiming for ...Rxd6. **28.Rxd8+ Kxd8=** Endgame KRB-KRB **29.Rd4 Rg8 30.Bg5+ Kd7**

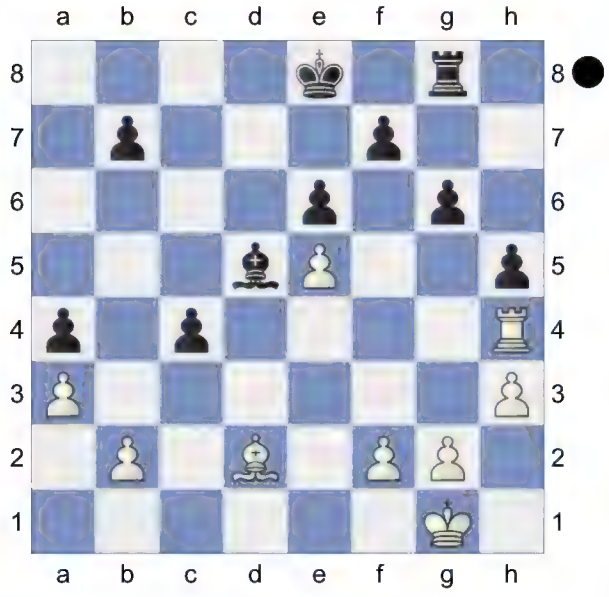


31.Rf4 Ke8 32.Rh4 h5 33.Bd2 Kd7 34.Rf4 Ke8 35.Rh4 Kd7

(Diagram)



36.Rf4 Ke8 37.Rh4



An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

38 **D25**
□ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2516**
■ **Paehtz,Elisabeth** **2424**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (8.3) 23.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D25: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 4 e3: sidelines and 4...Bg4 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e3 Be6 4.Nf3 Nf6N**

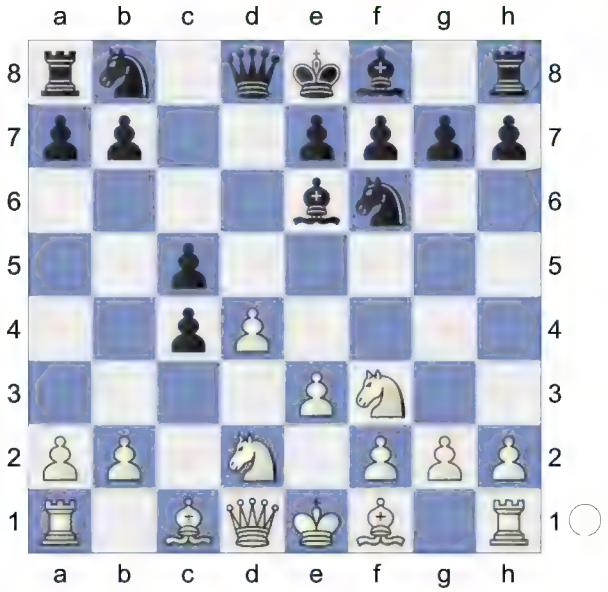
[4...c6

A) 5.Nbd2 b5 *(5...Qa5 6.Be2 Nf6 7.0-0 b5 8.a4 g6 9.Ng5 Bd5 10.e4 h6 11.exd5 hxg5 12.dxc6 Nxc6 13.axb5 Qxa1 14.Bf3 0-0-0 15.Bxc6 c3 16.Qb3 Qa5 17.bxc3 e6 18.Nf3 g4 19.Ne5 Qc7 20.Bg5* Lysyj,I (2668)-Demidov,M (2507) Cheboksary 2016 CBM 206 [Grigoriants, Sergey] 1-0 (32)*)* 6.b3 cxb3 7.axb3 Nf6 8.Qc2 g6 9.Bd3 Bg7 10.Ne5 0-0 11.Nxc6 Nxc6 12.Qxc6 Bd5 13.Qxb5 Bxg2 14.Rg1 Bd5 15.Ba3 Qc7 16.Ke2 Rfe8 17.Rg5 e6 18.e4 Qf4 19.Re5 Ng4 Holt,C (2540)-Dominguez Perez,L (2743) chess.com INT 2023 [Raven Sturt] 0-1;

B) 5.Nc3 b5 6.a4 b4 7.Ne4 Nf6 8.Ng3 Bd5 9.Qc2 e6 *(9...Bxf3 10.gxf3 e6 11.Qxc4 Qd5 12.e4 Qxc4 13.Bxc4 Be7 14.Be3 Nbd7 15.Rc1 a5 16.Bd3 Nb8 17.Nf1 Nfd7 18.Nd2 0-0 19.Ke2 f5 20.Bc4 f4 21.Bxe6+ Kh8 22.Bxd7 Nxd7 23.Rxc6 fxe3 24.fxe3* Heinrich,D (2552)-Hodgson,J (2508) (Pre) _343538 2011 200 Traps In The Opening [Aufstiegs-Runde] ½-½ (48) *)* 10.Bxc4 Nbd7 11.e4 Bxc4 12.Qxc4 c5 13.Be3 cxd4 14.Bxd4 Be7 15.0-0 0-0 16.a5 Rc8 17.Qa6 Rc7

Playing B5-B2 Nc3 [Glenn Flear]]

5.Nbd2 c5



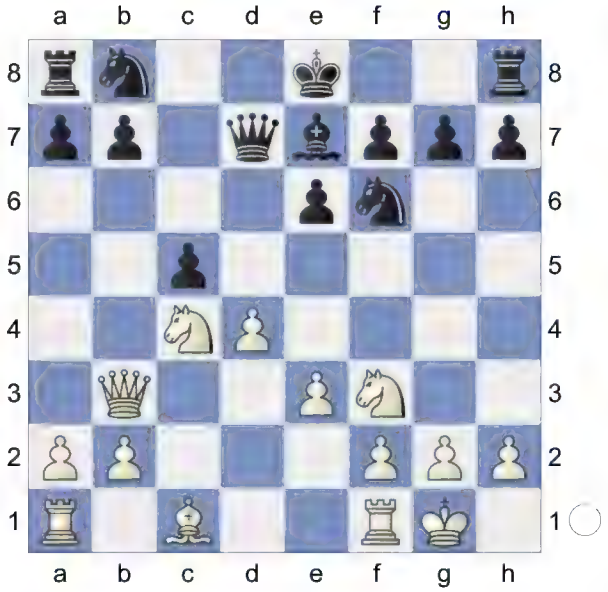
6.Bxc4 Bxc4 7.Nxc4 Qd5 8.Qa4+ White is slightly better. **8...Qd7** 0.80/18

[8...Qc6± 0.32/20 9.Qb3 e6]

9.Qb3 0.45/19

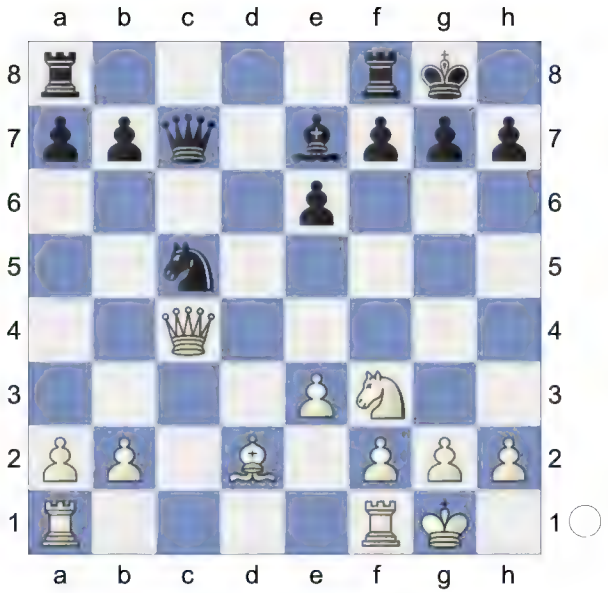
[9.Qa3± 0.80/18]

9...e6± 10.0-0 Be7



11.Nce5 Qc7 12.dxc5 With the idea Nxf7! **12...Nbd7 13.Nxd7 Nxd7 14.Bd2 Nxc5 15.Qc4** White wants to play Rac1. **15...0-0**

(Diagram)

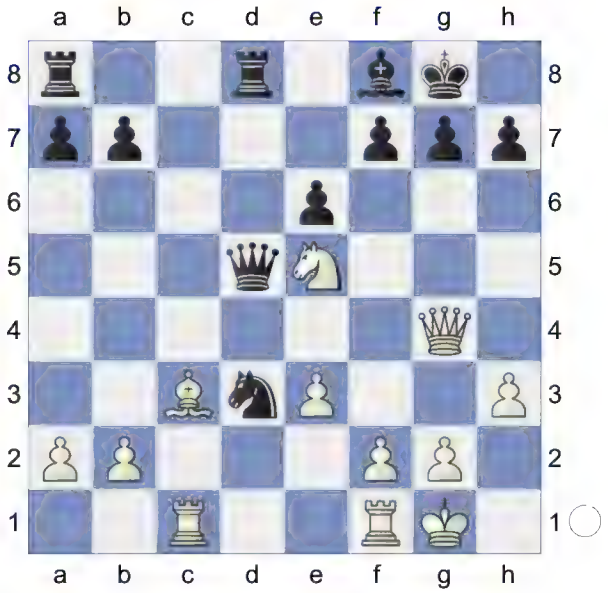


16.Rac1 Qd7 17.Bc3 Rfd8 18.Qg4 Bf8 19.h3

[Not 19.Bxg7? f5 20.Qd4 Qxg7-+]

19...Qd5 20.Ne5 Nd3 0.30/20

[⌓20...Qxa2 -0.26/19 21.Bd4 Qd5]



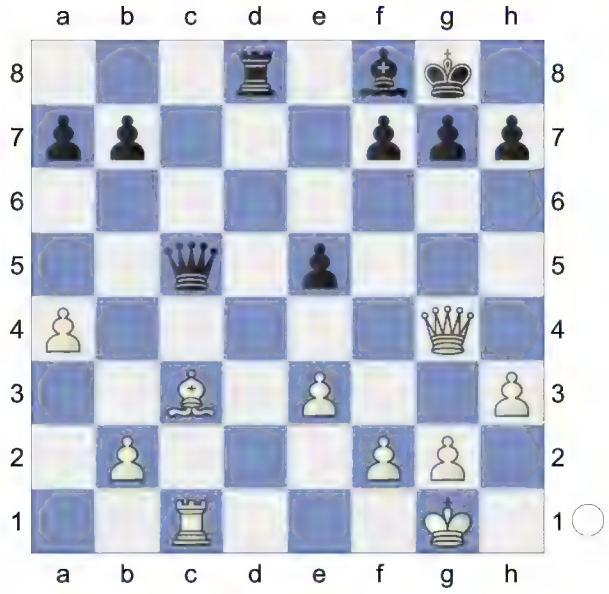
21.Nxd3= Qxd3 22.Rfd1 Qb5 23.Rd4 e5 0.83/19

[23...Rxd4= 0.24/17 remains equal. 24.Qxd4 a6]

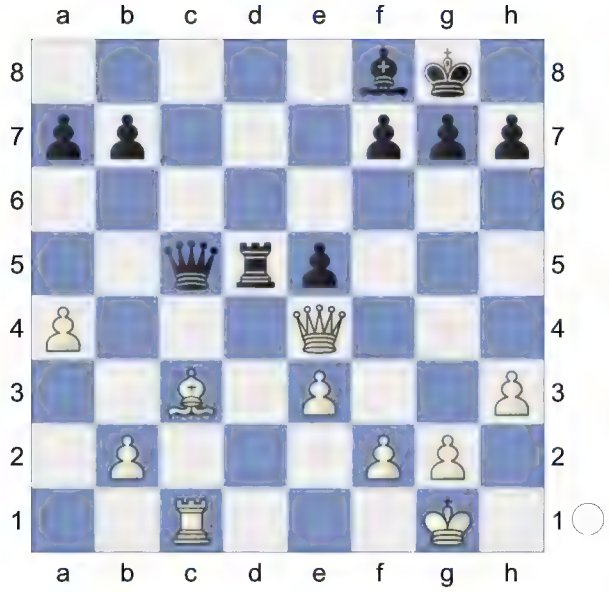
24.a4 0.49/21 **Qc5** 1.26/22

[24...Rxd4± 0.49/21 25.axb5 Rxg4 26.hxg4 f6]

25.Rxd8 &Bianco is more active.
25...Rxd8



26.Qe4 Rd5 1.35/22
[⌓26...b6 1.00/18]



27.Bd2!± Qd6

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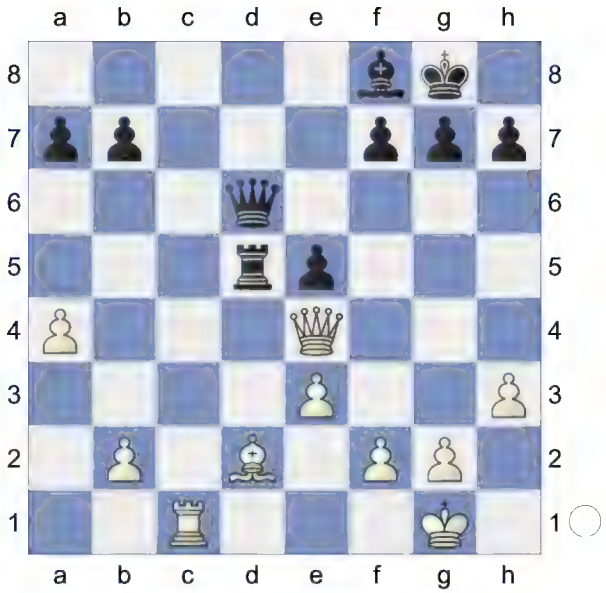
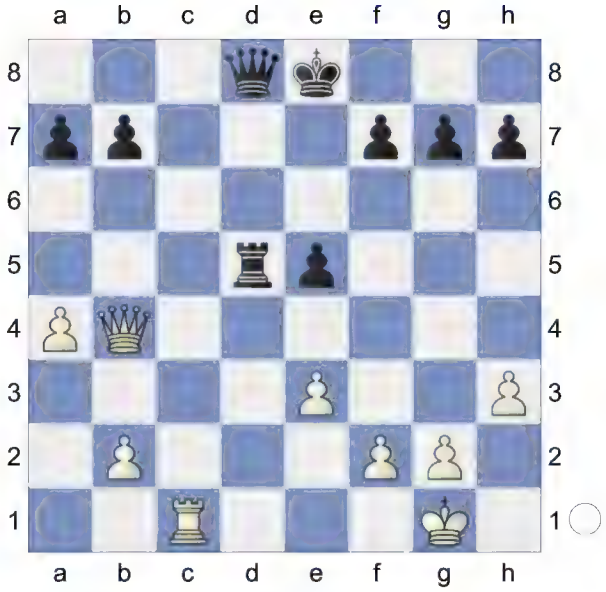


28.Bb4↑ White is in control. **28...Qd8** 1.72/23
[28...Qd7± 1.29/25 29.Bxf8 Kxf8]
29.Bxf8+- Kxf8 Endgame KQR-KQR
30.Qb4+ Ke8



31.Qg4 Inhibits Rd1+. aiming for Rc8.
[Much less strong is 31.Qxb7?! Rd1+ 32.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 33.Kh2 Qxa4±]
31...Qf6 32.Qc8+ 1.41/22
[32.Rc7+- 2.60/22]
32...Qd8± 33.Qg4 0.01/18
[33.Qxb7± 1.37/22 Rd1+ 34.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 35.Kh2 Qxa4 36.Qb8+ Kd7

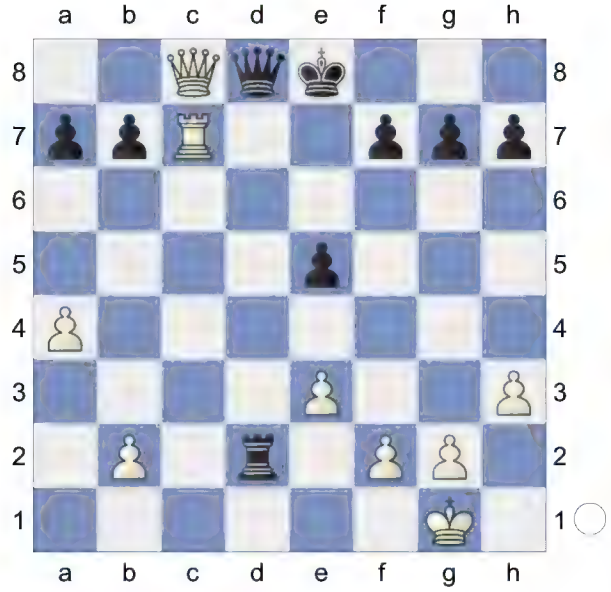
37.Qxe5]

33...Qf6!= **34.Rc7** Prevents Rd7.

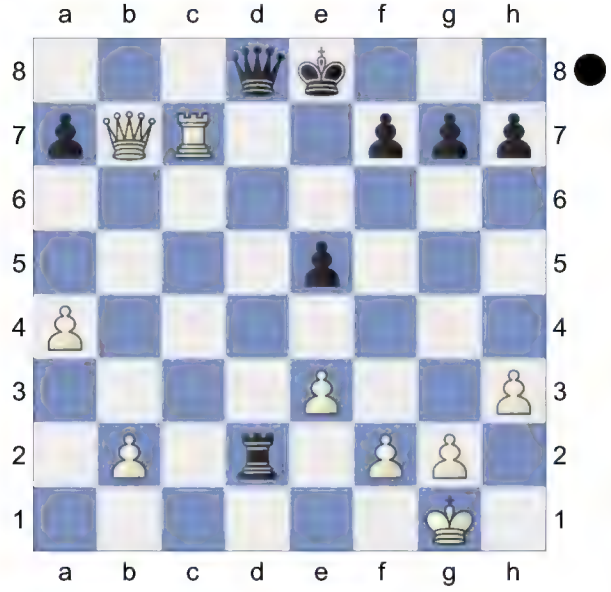
34...Rd2 35.Qc8+

[Worse is 35.Rxb7 Qxf2+ 36.Kh2 Qxe3=]

35...Qd8



36.Qxb7



Weighted Error Value: White=0. 17 (very precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)

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39 **A06**

□ **Divya,Deshmukh** **2470**

■ **Badelka,Olga** **2429**

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[Kitty Kat]

D04: Colle System **1.Nf3 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.b3 g6**

[3...Bg4 4.Bb2 Nbd7 5.h3 Bxf3 6.Qxf3 c6 7.g4 e6 8.Bg2 *(8.Nc3 Nc5 9.d3 Qa5 10.a3 Qc7 11.g5 Ng8 12.h4 h6 13.Bh3 a5 14.d4 Nd7 15.e4 Ne7 16.0-0-0 Nb6 17.a4 hxg5 18.hxg5 Ng6 19.Kb1 Bb4 20.Ne2 0-0-0 21.Bg4 Rxh1 22.Rxh1 Bd2* Bauer,C (2621)-Viennot,D (2331) Vaujany 2016 EXT 2017 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (34)) 8...Bd6 9.g5 Ne4 10.h4 0-0 11.Qe2 f5 12.d3 Qa5+ 13.c3 Ne5 14.dxe4 fxe4 15.Kd1 Nd3 16.Rf1 Qa6 17.Kc2 Nb4+ 18.Kd2 Guerra,J (2577)-2 b4 and 2 a3 (2624) Manila 2006 Telechess CBM 89 [Filipovic,Br] ½-½]

4.Bb2 Bg7 5.d4N

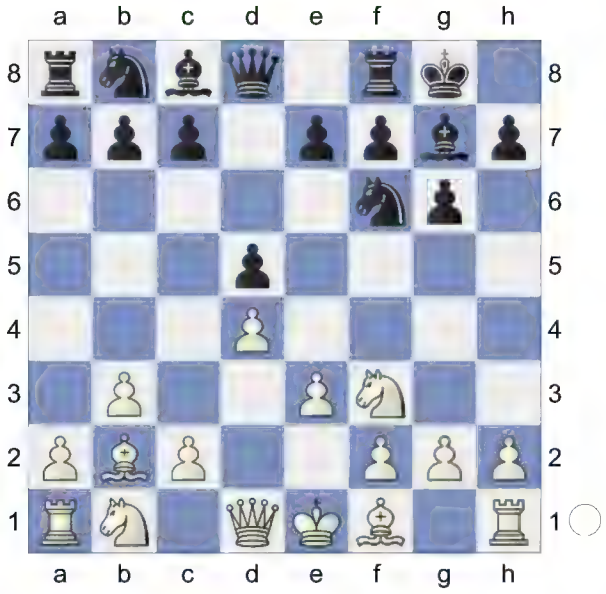
[5.Be2 0-0 6.0-0 b6 7.d3 Bb7 8.Nbd2 c5 32) 1.Nf3 - What Remains?-2.e3 & 3.b3]

[5.c4 dxc4 6.Bxc4 0-0 7.0-0 a6 8.d4 Nbd7 9.Qc2 Nb6 10.Bd3 Nbd5 11.Qd2 Bf5 12.Bxf5 gxf5 13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.Qxc3 Nd5 15.Qc2 e6 16.Rac1 Kh8 17.Kh1 c6 18.Rg1 Qf6 19.Ba3 Rg8 Tartakower,S-Stoltz,G Groningen 1946 MCL [ChessBase] ½-½ (65)]

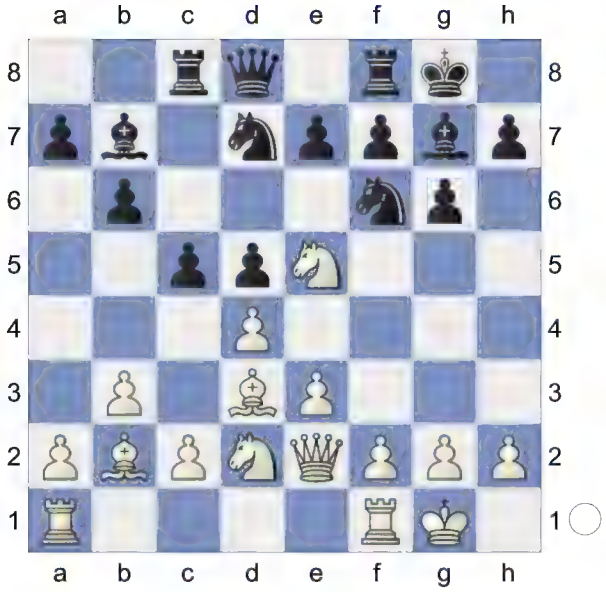
[5.h3 0-0 6.c4 e6 7.Qc2 b6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Na3 c5 10.d4 Nc6 11.dxc5 Bf5 12.Qc3 bxc5 13.0-0-0 Nb4 14.Qe1 Nxa2+ 15.Kd2 Qa5+ 0-1 (15) Shumard,G-Merciai,A Kecskemet 1953 The Week in Chess

444 [Dragan Solak]]

5...0-0



6.Bd3 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Qe2 Nbd7 The position is equal. **9.Nbd2 c5 10.Ne5 Rc8**



11.f4 e6 12.a4 Qc7 13.Ndf3 Ne4 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.Ne5 Qc7

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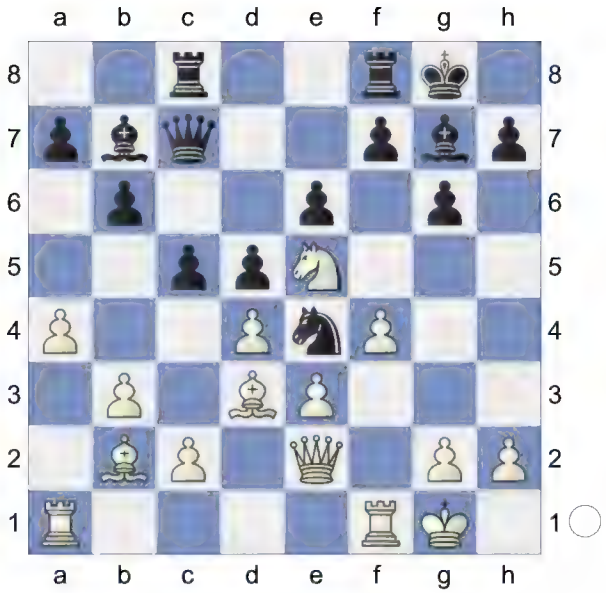
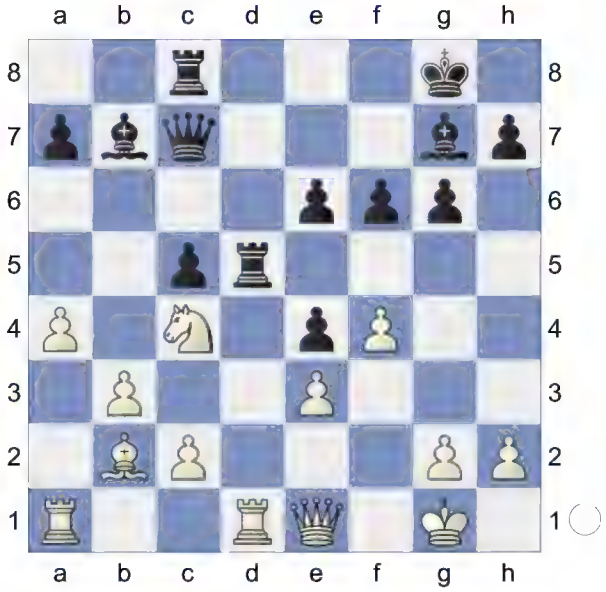


16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.dxc5 bxc5 18.Rfd1 Rfd8 Prevents Rd7. **19.Qe1 f6 20.Nc4 Rd5**



21.Bc3 Ba6 22.Nb2 Qc6 23.Rd2 -0.46/18

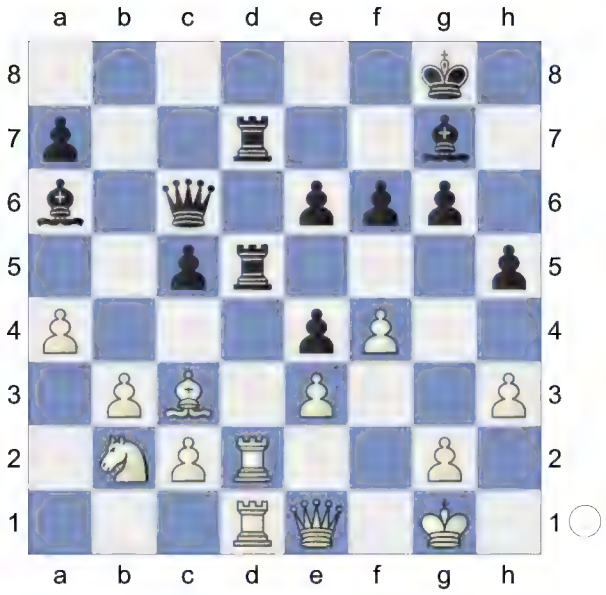
[23.Rdb1= -0.12/18]

23...Rcd8 -0.15/20

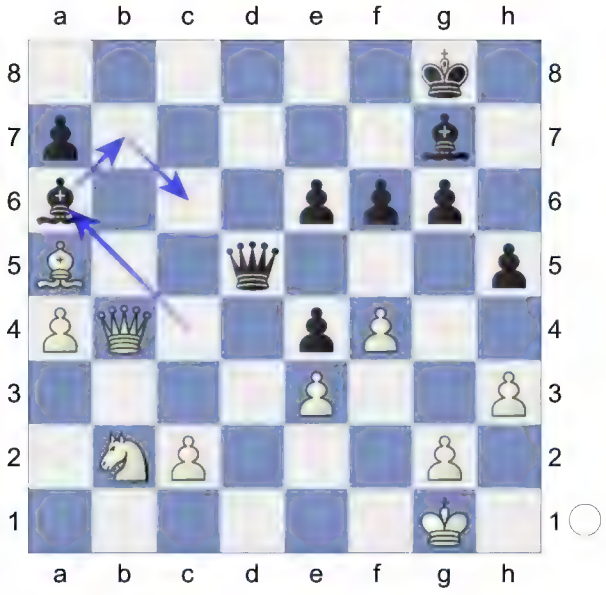
[23...Bb7∓ -0.46/18]

24.Rad1 R8d7 25.h3 h5

(Diagram)



26.Ba5 c4 27.Rxd5
[27.Bc3 with more complications. cxb3 28.Rxd5 Rxd5 29.cxb3 Bd3 30.b4]
27...Rxd5
[27...exd5 is interesting. 28.b4 Bc8 29.b5 Qc5]
28.Rxd5 Qxd5 29.bxc4 Bxc4 30.Qb4 Ba6



31.c4 Qb7

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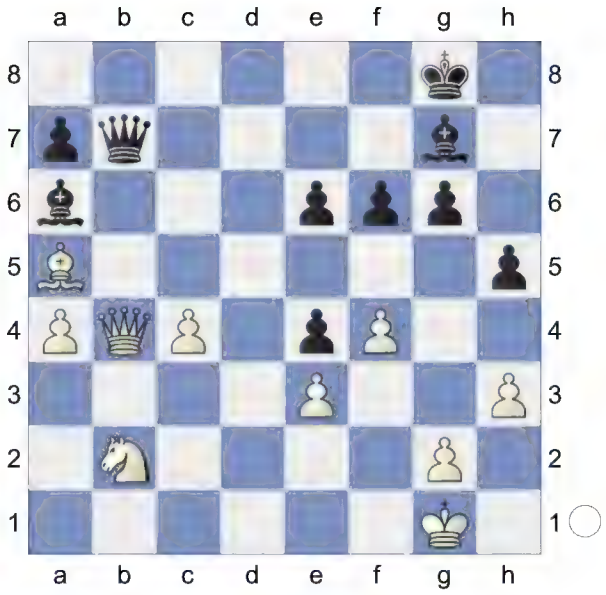
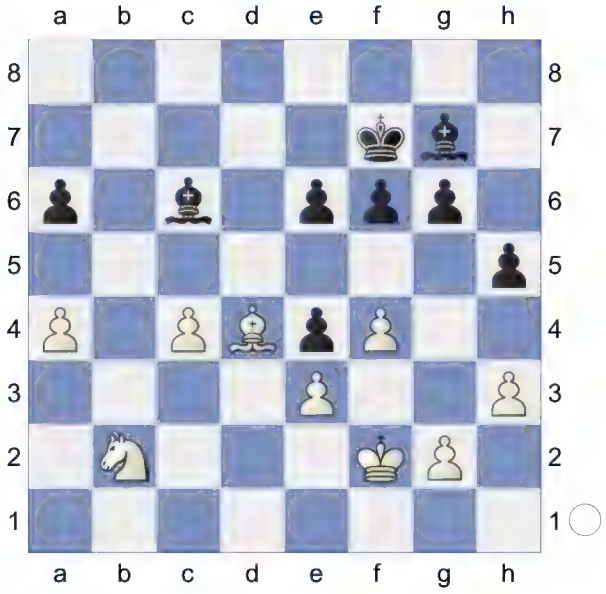
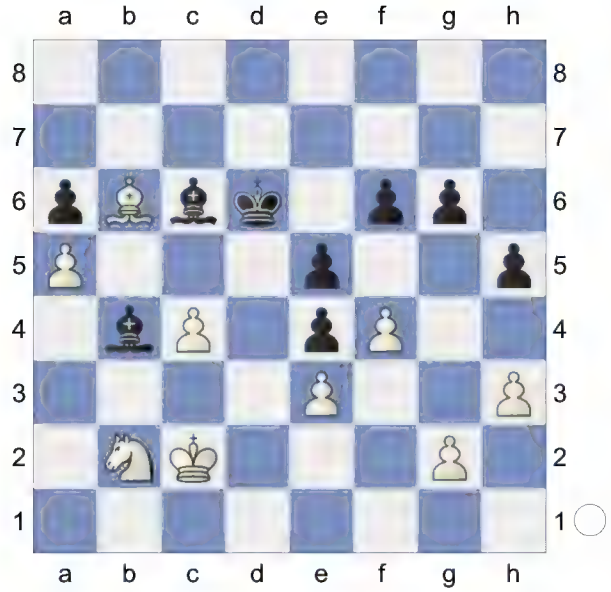


Threatens to win with ...Qxb4. **32.Qxb7** -0.36/22
[32.Qd6!= 0.01/22 deserves consideration.]
32...Bxb7= Endgame KBB-KBN **33.Bc3 Kf7 34.Bd4 a6! 35.Kf2** -0.78/23
[35.Nd1∓ -0.44/23]
35...Bc6∓

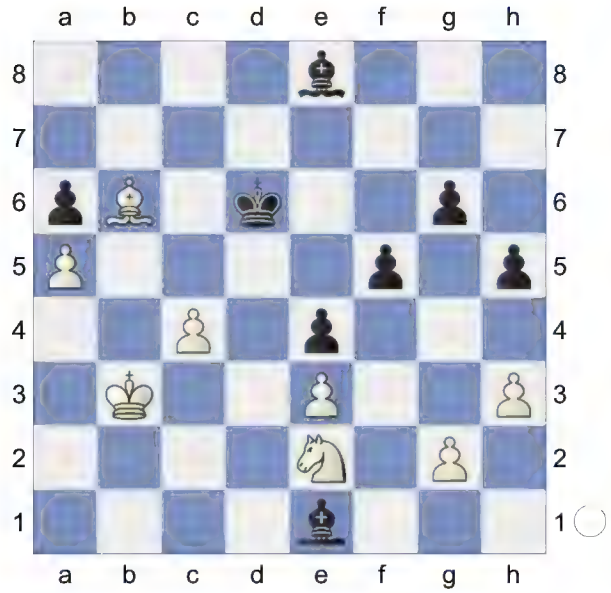


36.a5 Bf8 37.Ke2 -1.39/26
[⌓37.Nd1 -0.73/24]
37...Bb4 38.Bb6 Ke7 39.Kd1 Kd6 -0.32/25
[39...f5∓ -1.40/24 40.Kc2 e5]

40.Kc2∓ e5

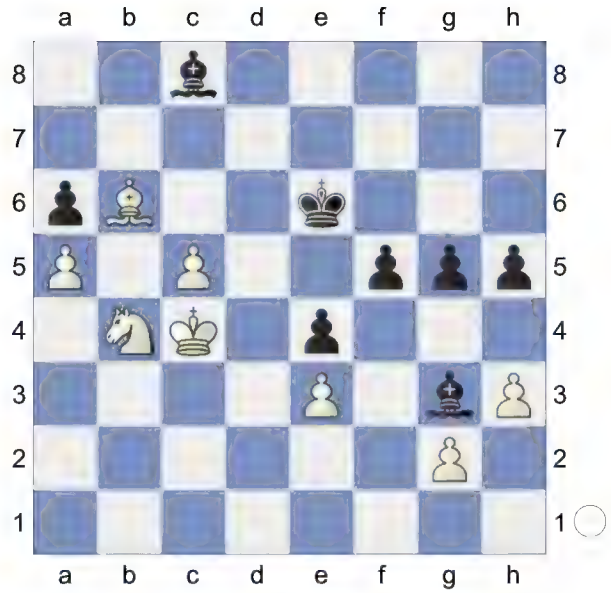


41.Kb3 Be1 A strong pair of Bishops. **42.fxe5+ Kxe5 43.Nd1 f5 44.Nc3! Kd6 45.Ne2 Be8**



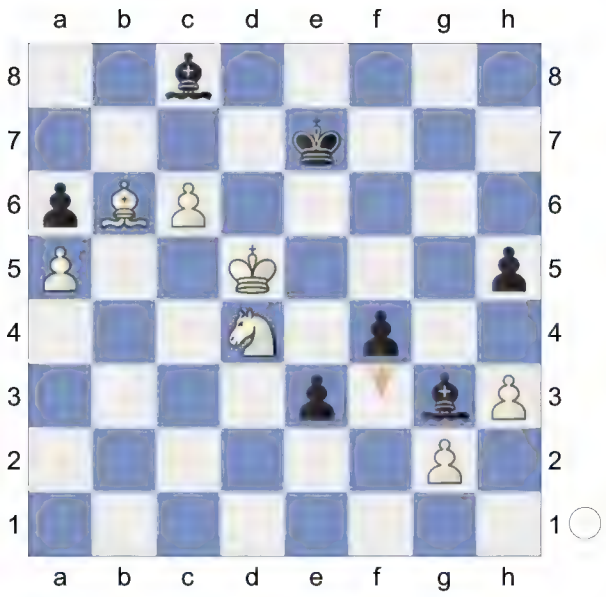
46.Nd4 Bd7 47.Nc2 Bg3 0.01/21
[47...Bd2∓ -0.57/22]
48.Nb4= Bc8 49.c5+ -0.33/24
[49.Nd5!= 0.01/24 Ke6 50.Nf4+ Kf7 51.Nd5]
49...Ke6 50.Kc4 g5

(Diagram)

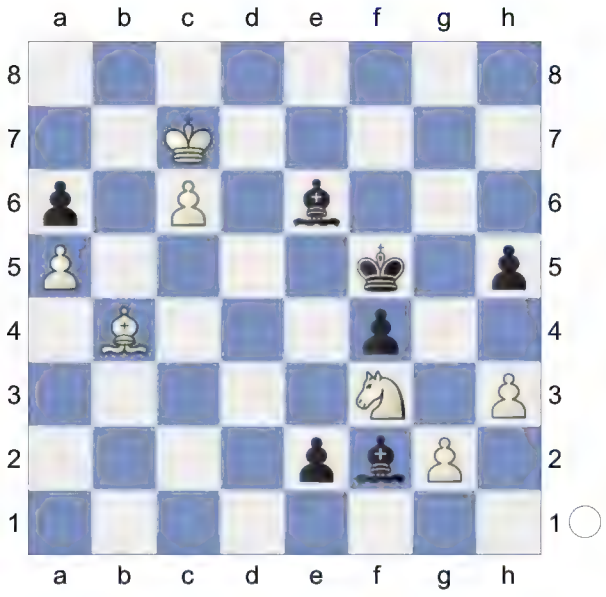


51.Nc6 Kd7! 52.Nd4 f4 Strongly threatening ...Bb7. **53.exf4** -0.34/24
[53.c6+= 0.01/25 is more appropriate. Kd6 54.exf4 gxf4 55.Bc5+ Ke5 56.Bb6]
53...gxf4∓ 54.Kd5 -1.55/25
[54.c6+!= -0.24/27 Kd6 55.Bc5+ Kc7 56.Bb6+ *(56.Kd5 f3∓)* 56...Kd6 57.Bc5+ Ke5 58.Bb6]
54...e3? 0.47/25
[Black should play 54...f3!∓ -1.55/25 aiming for ...f2. 55.gxf3 exf3 56.c6+ Ke8 57.Nxf3 Bxh3]
55.c6+± Ke7

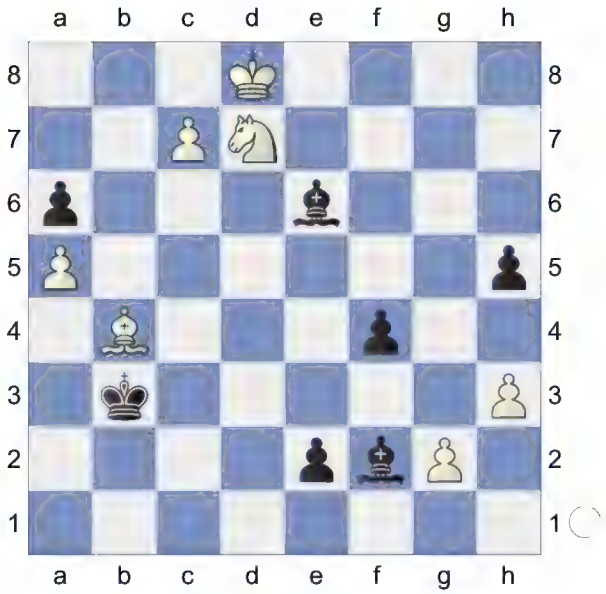
(Diagram)



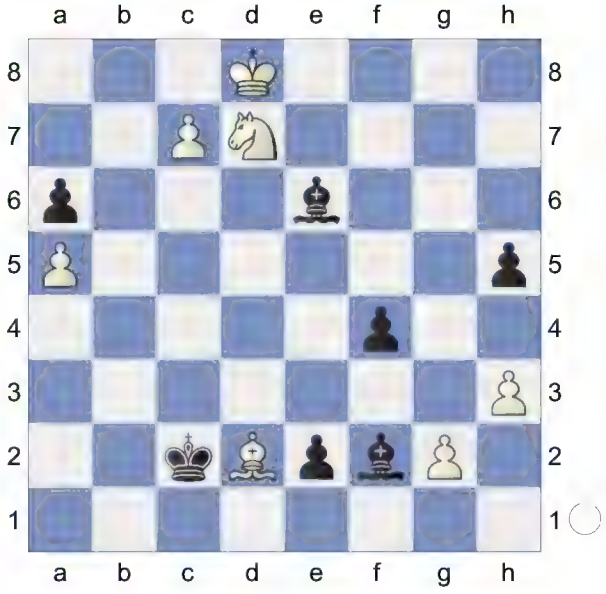
56.Bc5+ Kf6 1.80/21
[56...Kd8± 0.82/25]
57.Nf3 0.41/23
[57.Ke4!+- 1.80/21]
57...e2? 2.24/25
[Better is 57...Kf7!± 0.41/23]
58.Bb4+- Bf2 59.Kd6! Kf5? 4.15/29
[59...Bf5 2.23/27 might work better. 60.Bc3+ Kf7]
60.Kc7 Be6



61.Kd8 Hoping for c7. **61...Ke4 62.c7!** And now Ng5+ would win. **62...Kd3?** 9.96/25
[62...Bf5 3.85/26 63.c8Q Bxc8 64.Kxc8 Kd5]
63.Ne5+ Kc2 64.Nd7 Kb3

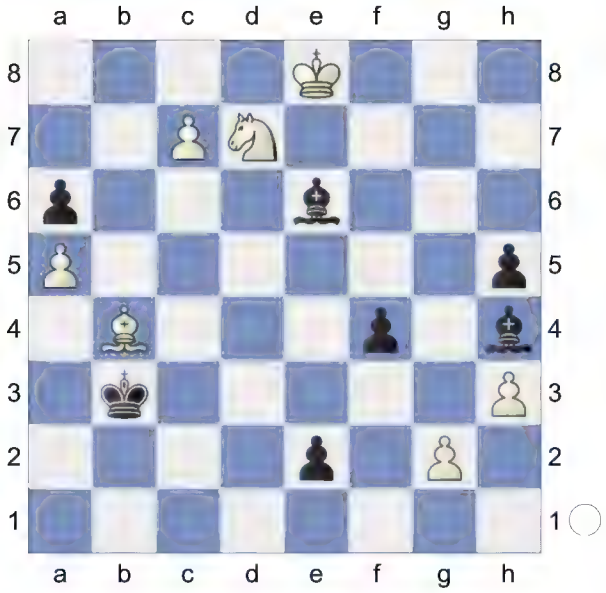


65.Bd2? 0.46/23
[65.c8Q!+- 11.19/24 Qc3+ would kill now. Kxb4 66.Qb7+ Kc3 67.Qf3+ Kd2 68.Qxf2 Bxd7 69.Kxd7]
65...Kc2±
[65...Bh4+? 66.Ke8 Kc2 67.Bb4 Bxd7+ 68.Kxd7+-]

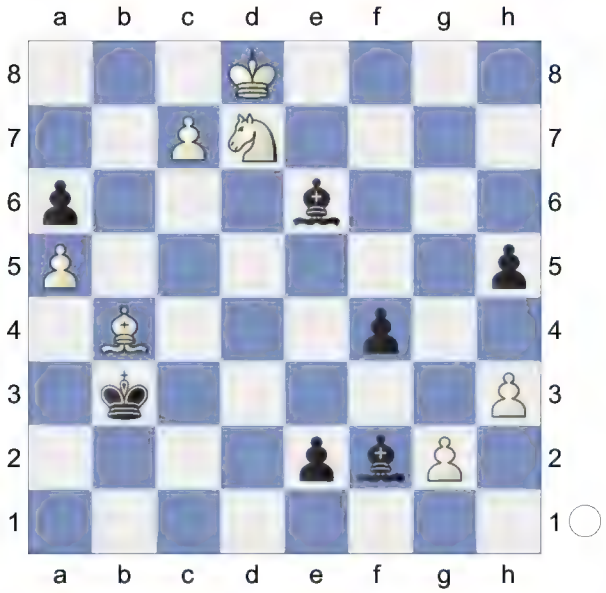


66.Bb4 0.01/22
[Wrong is 66.Be1? Bxe1 67.c8Q+

Bc3 68.Qxa6 e1Q-+]
[66.Bxf4± 1.13/23 Bh4+ 67.Ke8]
66...Kb3!=
[66...Bh4+? 67.Ke8 Kb3



68.c8Q!+-]



67.c8Q! White is clearly winning.
67...Kxb4 68.Qb7+ Kxa5 69.Qc7+ Kb4 70.Qxf4+ Kc3

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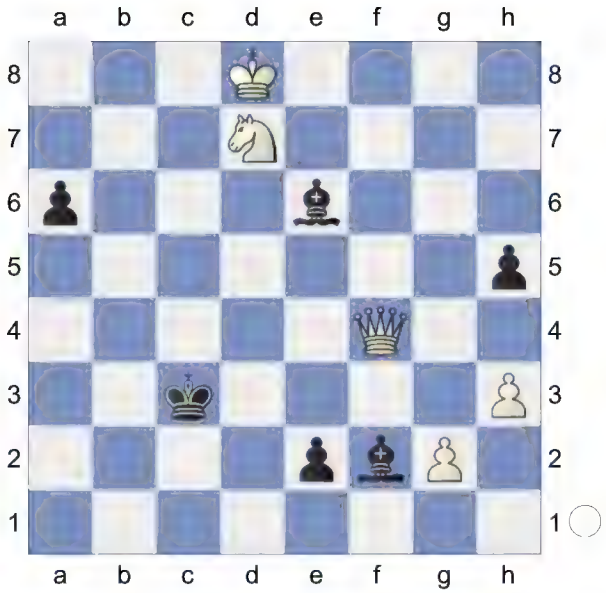
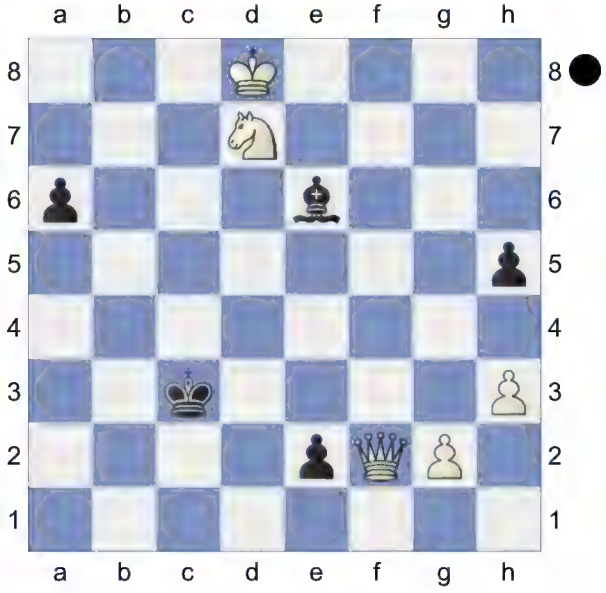


71.Qxf2



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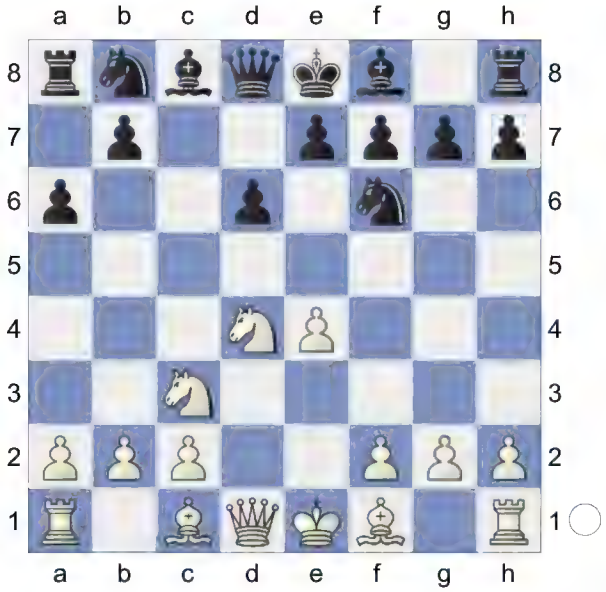
40 **B95**
□ **Tsolakidou,Stavroula** **2445**
■ **Zhu,Jiner** **2514**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (8.5) 23.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

B95: Sicilian Najdorf: 6 Bg5 e6, unusual White 7th moves **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6**



6.Bg5 e6 7.Qf3 Nbd7 8.0-0-0 Be7 9.g4 Qc7 10.Bd2 Ne5

[10...h6 11.h4 Ne5 12.Qg2 Nexg4 13.Be2 h5 14.f3 Ne5 15.f4 Neg4 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 Nxe5 18.Qg3 Nfg4 19.Bf4 f6 20.Nf3 0-0 21.Nxe5 fxe5 22.Bd2 Qc6 23.Bxg4 hxg4 24.Qxg4 Qf3 25.Qxf3 Praggnanandhaa,R (2743)-Maghsoodloo,P (2740) Wijk aan Zee 2024 [Roiz,M] ½-½ (44)]

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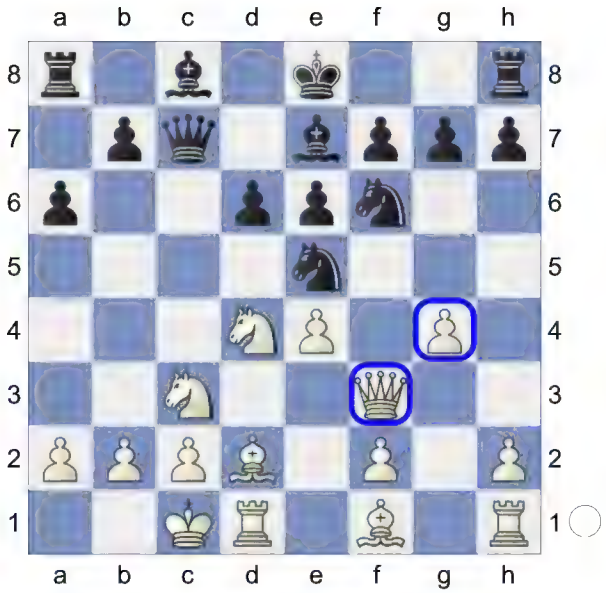


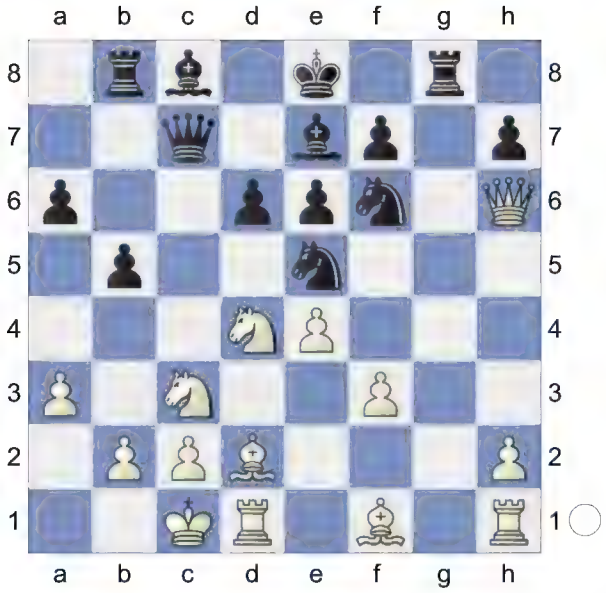
11.Qg2N White has an edge.

[11.Qe2 b5 12.g5 Nfd7 13.f4 Nc6 14.Nxc6 Qxc6 15.a3 Bb7 16.h4 0-0-0 17.Rh3 Kb8 18.Nd5 exd5 19.exd5 Qxd5 20.Qxe7 Rhe8 21.Bb4 Qa2 22.Qxd6+ Ka8 23.Rhd3 Qa1+ 24.Kd2 Qxb2 25.Bg2 Nb8 Gonzalez,J (2571)-8.Nb5 (2488) ChessPub Guide 2023 Schallopp-Riemann [John Watson] 1-0 (55) 26.Qxd8 Rxd8 27.Rxd8 Bxg2 28.Re1 a5 29.Bc5 Kb7 30.Re7+ Kc6 31.Rc8+ Kd5 32.Re5+ Qxe5 33.fxe5 Nc6 34.Bd6 g6 35.Rh8 Ke6 36.Rxh7 Be4 37.c3 a4 38.Ke3 Bf5 39.Kf4 Bd3 40.Rg7 Bc2 Ganguly,S (2571)-Bharath,S (2488) La Plagne 2023 1-0 (55) 41.Rg8 Kd7 42.Bb4 Bd3 43.Rh8 Ke6 44.Rc8 Kd7 45.e6+ fxe6 46.Rg8 e5+ 47.Ke3 Bb1 48.h5 gxh5 49.g6 Nxb4 50.cxb4 Ke7 51.g7 Kf7 52.Re8 Kxg7 53.Rxe5 Kg6 54.Rxb5 h4 55.Rb8 0-1 (55) Ganguly,S (2614) - Barnaure,V (2513) Abu Dhabi 2014 CBM 165 [Ris,Robert]]

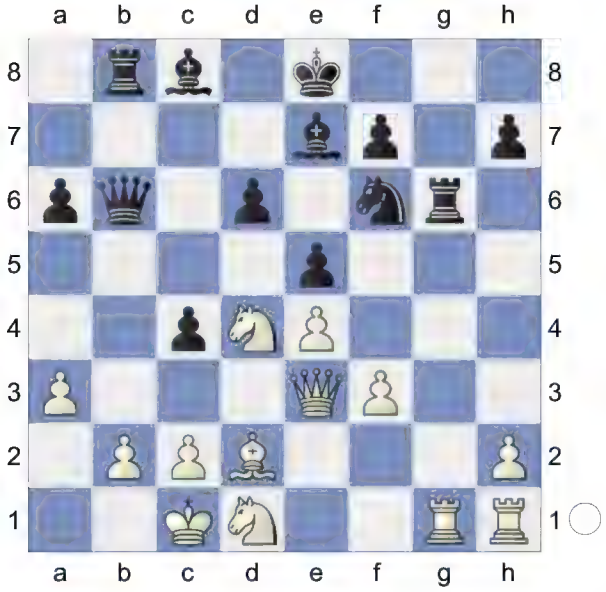
11...Nexg4

[11...Nfxg4? 12.f4+-]

12.f3 0.18/20
[12.f4!± 0.61/20]
12...Ne5= 13.Qxg7 Rg8 14.Qh6 b5 15.a3 Rb8

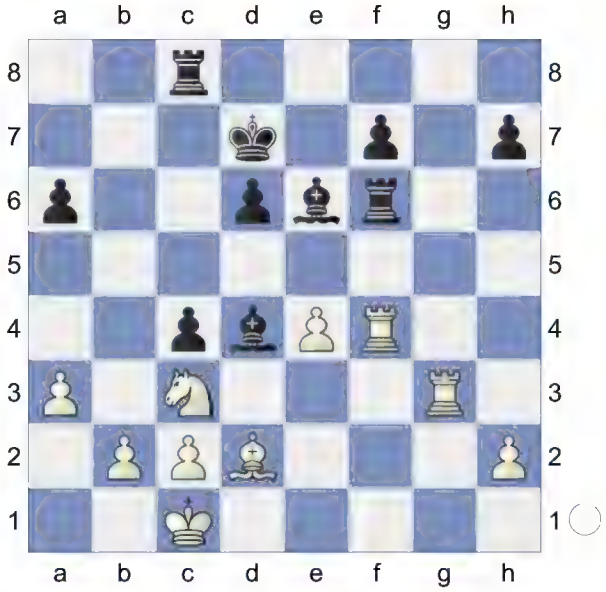


16.Be2 Rg6 17.Qe3 Nc4 18.Bxc4 bxc4 19.Rdg1 -0.16/22
[Better is 19.Kb1!± 0.37/20]
19...Qb6
[19...e5!? 20.Nde2 *(20.Rxg6 exd4 21.Qxd4 hxg6∓)* 20...Be6∓]
20.Nd1 e5



21.Ne2 Be6 22.Qxb6 Rxb6 23.Ne3 Rc6 24.Nc3 Against d5 **24...Bd8**
25.Ned5 Rc8

26.Nxf6+ Rxf6 27.Rg3 Bb6 28.Rf1 Kd7 29.f4 exf4 30.Rxf4 Bd4



31.Rxf6 Bxf6 32.Bf4 Rc5 33.Rg1 h5 34.Kd2 h4 35.Ke3 h3 -0.01/24
[35...Bxc3∓ -0.38/23 36.bxc3 Ra5]

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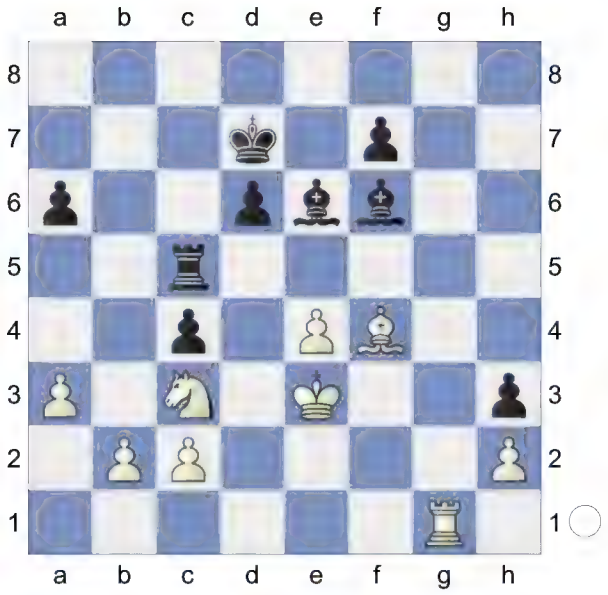
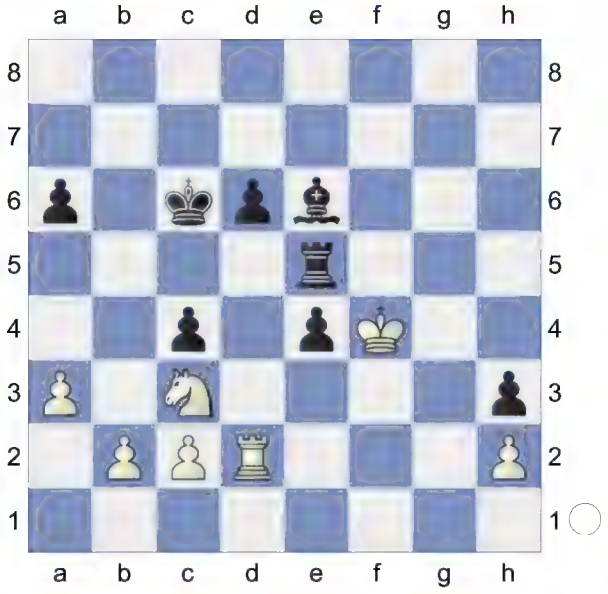


36.Rd1 Be5 37.Bxe5 Rxe5
Endgame KRB-KRN **38.Kf4 f5 39.Rd4 Kc6 40.Rd2 fxe4**



41.Nxe4 Rf5+ 42.Ke3 Bd5 -0.09/22
[42...d5∓ -0.40/23 feels stronger. 43.Ng3 Rf7]
43.Nc3! The position is equal. **43...Bg2 44.Rf2 Rg5 45.Rf4 Kc5**

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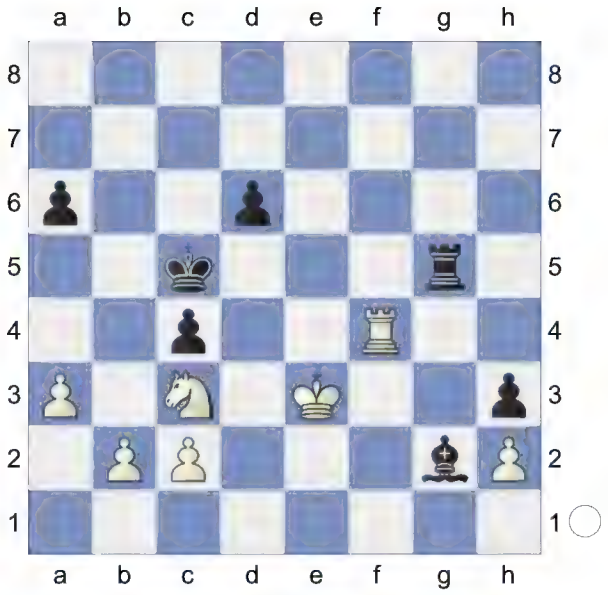
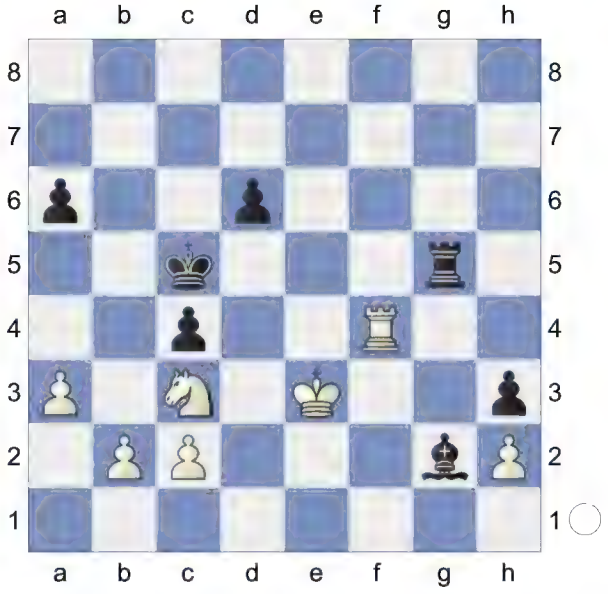


46.Na4+ Kb5 47.Nc3+ Kc5 48.Na4+ Kb5 49.Nc3+ Kc5



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½-½

41 **B28**
□ **Zhu,Jiner** **2514**
■ **Dzagnidze,Nana** **2513**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (9.1) 24.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

B43: Sicilian: Kan Variation: 5 Nc3 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 a6 3.Nc3N**
[3.c3 d6 *(3...d5 4.exd5 Nf6 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nxd5 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.Bc4 Be6 9.Bb3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bxb3 11.Qxb3 Qd7 12.d5 Na5 13.Qb4 Qxd5 14.0-0 e6 15.Qg4 h5 16.Qg3 Bd6 17.Bf4 Bxf4 18.Qxf4* Zarnicki,P (2514) -Barp,A (2432) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (60)*)* 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bd3 cxd4 6.cxd4 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.h3 0-0 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.Be3
A) 10...b5 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.d5 Na5 *(12...Nb8 13.Nd4 Nbd7 14.Nc6 Bxc6 15.dxc6 Ne5 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Nxd3 18.Qxd3* #3 3. The O'Kelly Sicilian-O'Kelly 4.d4 cxd4 *)* 13.b4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.Nd2 Rc8 16.Qe2 e6 17.Nxc4 exd5 18.Na5 Ba8 19.Qxa6 dxe4 20.Rfd1 #4 3. The O'Kelly Sicilian-O'Kelly 4.d4 cxd4;
B) 10...e5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Rc1 Be6 13.Ng5 Nd4 14.Nxe6 Nxe6 15.Bc4 Nd4 16.Bd5 Qb6 17.f4 Nxd5 Akopian,V (2693) -Izoria,Z (2607) Moscow 2005 CBM 106 [Ribli,Zoltan] 1-0 (47)]
3...b5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e6

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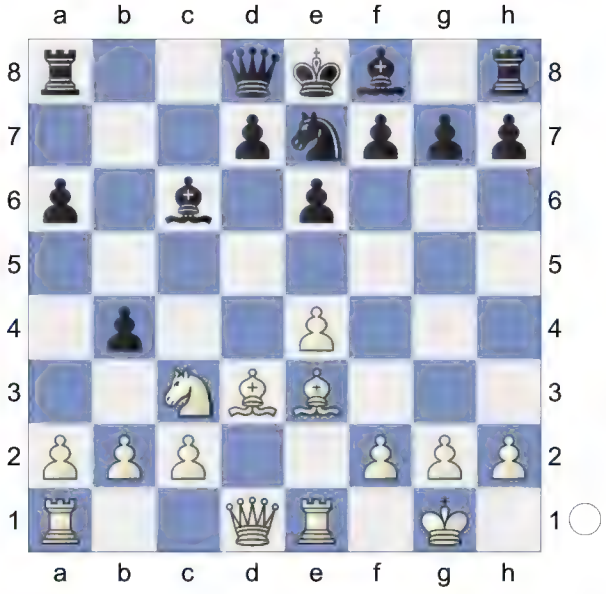
6.Bd3 Bb7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nxc6 Bxc6 9.Re1 Ne7 10.Be3 b4



11.Ne2 Ng6 12.f4 Qc7 13.Qd2 Be7 14.Nd4 0-0 15.Qf2 Bb7

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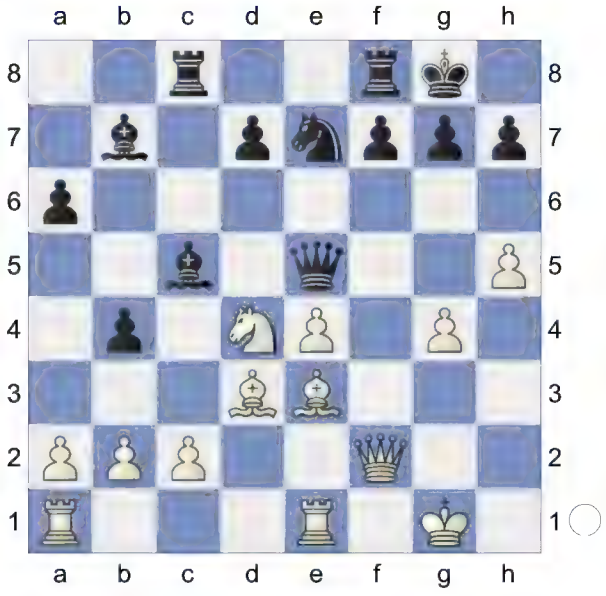
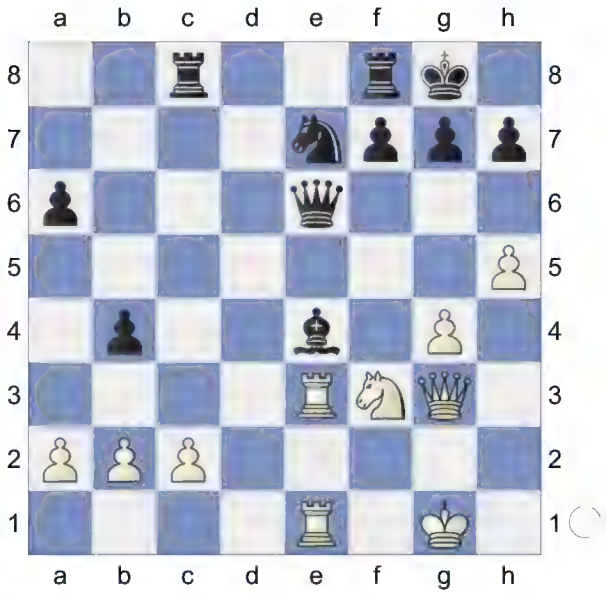
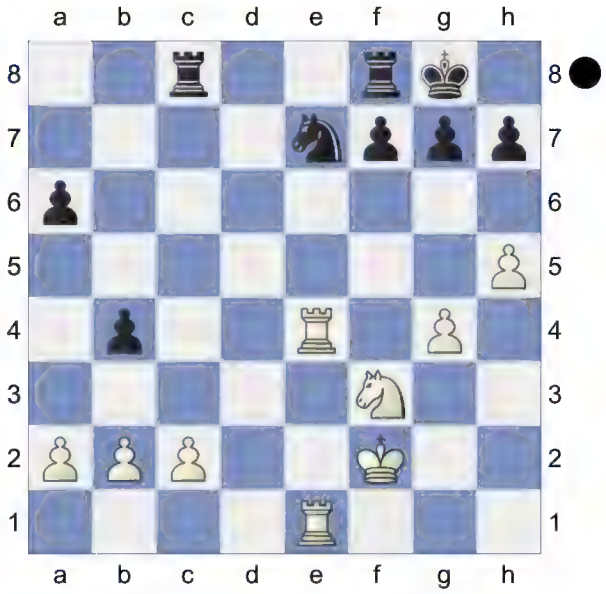
16.g3 Rac8 0.29/19
[16...Rfc8 -0.05/18
is more appropriate.]
17.h4 -0.09/20
[17.Nb3 0.29/19 feels stronger.]
17...Bc5= 18.h5 Ne7 19.g4 e5
Hoping for ...exf4. **20.fxe5 Qxe5**



21.Nf3 Qe6 22.Qg3 Bxe3+
[22...h6 seems wilder. 23.Bf2 Bxf2+ 24.Kxf2 Rfe8]
23.Rxe3 d5 0.27/21
[Black should try 23...Qb6∓ -0.36/19 24.Rae1 a5]
24.Rae1 -0.45/20
[24.e5!= 0.27/21]
24...dxe4!∓ 25.Bxe4 Bxe4

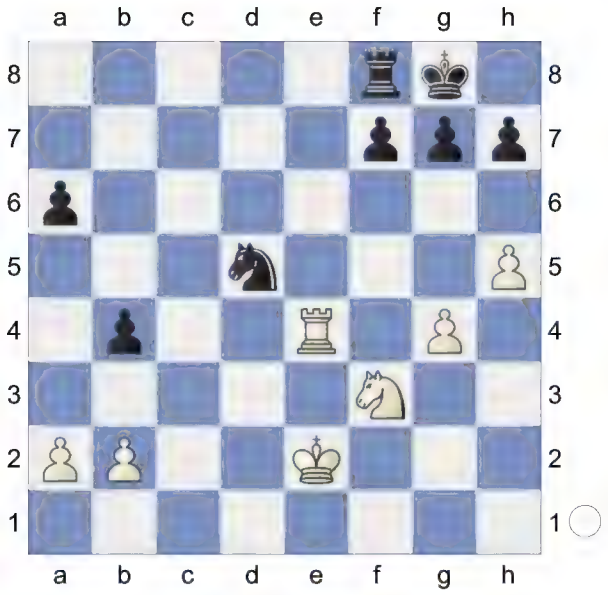


26.Rxe4 Qb6+ 27.Qf2 Qxf2+ 28.Kxf2

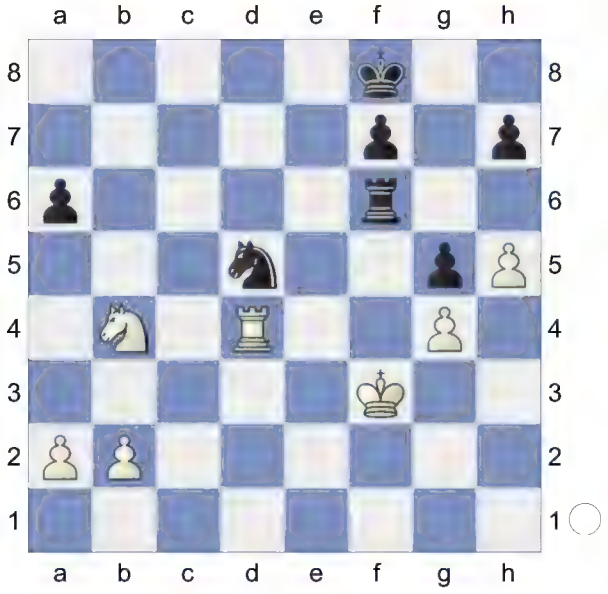


Rxc2+ 0.09/26
[28...f5!∓ -0.54/21 29.gxf5 *(29.Rxe7 fxg4 30.Rc1 Rxf3+ 31.Kg2 Rf5∓)*
29...Rxc2+ 30.R1e2 Rxe2+ 31.Kxe2 Nxf5]
29.R1e2= Rxe2+ 30.Kxe2
Endgame KRN-KRN **30...Nd5**

(Diagram)

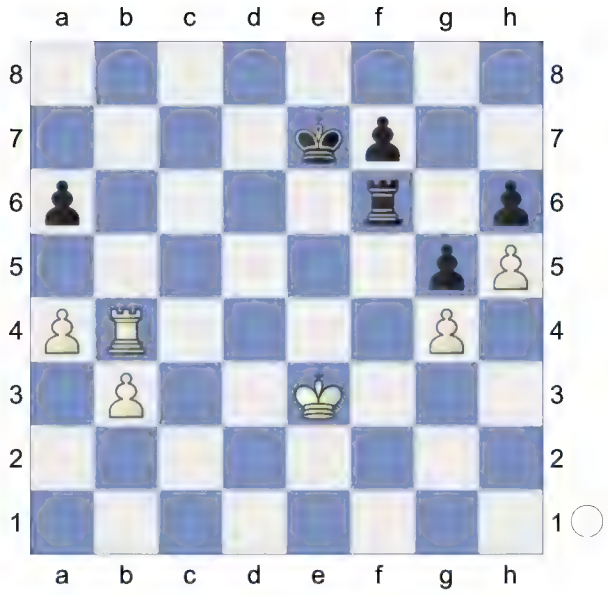


31.Rd4! White has compensation.
31...Rd8 32.Ne5 g5 33.Kf3 Kf8 34.Nc6 Rd6 35.Nxb4 Rf6+

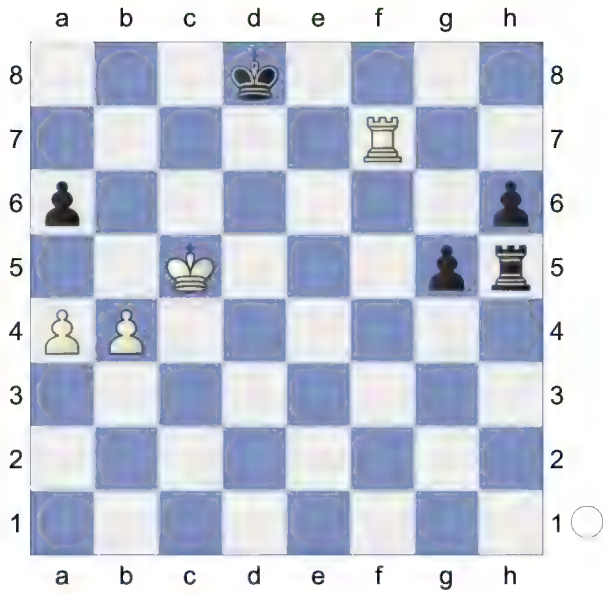


36.Ke2 Nxb4 37.Rxb4 KR-KR **37...Kg7 38.a4** 0.01/27
[38.b3± 0.38/22 is superior.]
38...h6 39.b3 Kf8 1.05/26
[39...a5= -0.01/25 40.Rb5 Rf4]
40.Ke3 Ke7 1.51/24
[⌓40...Re6+ 0.98/23 41.Kd4 Rf6]

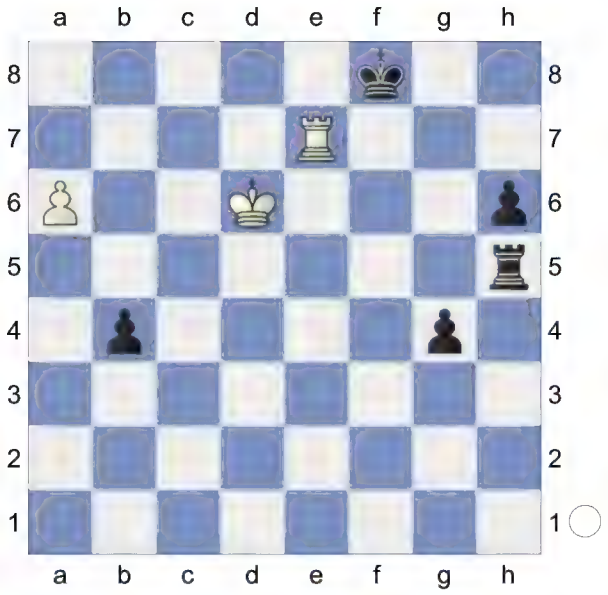
(Diagram)



41.Rb7+ 0.11/23
[White has to play 41.a5!± 1.51/24]
41...Kd8 1.31/25
[41...Kf8!= 0.11/23]
42.Kd4 Rf4+ 43.Kc5 0.08/24
[43.Ke5± 1.14/24]
43...Rxg4 44.Rxf7 Rh4 45.b4 0.01/23
[White should play 45.Rf6± 0.81/21]
45...Rxh5



The position is equal. **46.b5 axb5 47.a5 g4+ 48.Kd6 Ke8** Against Rf8+ **49.Re7+ Kf8** White must now prevent ...Rh1.
50.a6 b4!



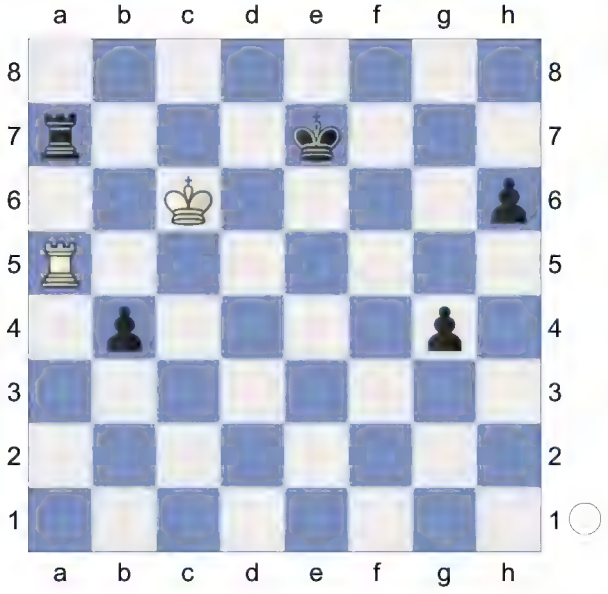
And now ...Ra5 would win. **51.Re5** Prevents Ra5. **51...Rh1**

[51...Rxe5 leads to mate. 52.Kxe5 Kg7 53.a7 b3 54.a8Q b2 55.Qb7+ Kg6 56.Qe4+ Kg7 57.Kf5]

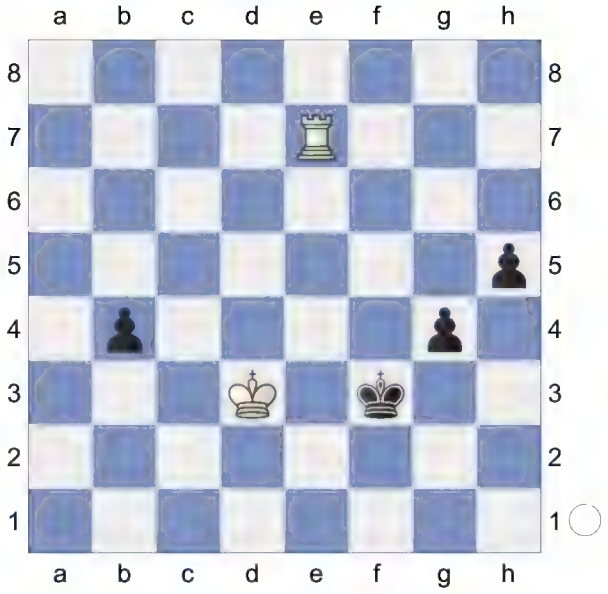
52.Ra5 Inhibits Ra1. Threatens to win with a7. **52...Rd1+ 53.Kc7 Ke7** Strongly threatening ...b3.

[Don't take 53...Rc1+ 54.Kb7 Re1 55.a7±]

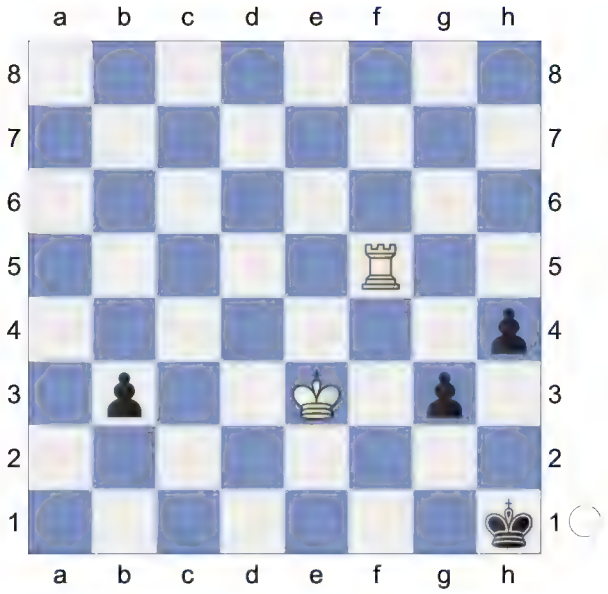
54.a7 Rd7+ 55.Kc6 Rxa7



56.Rxa7+ KR-K3P **56...Ke6 57.Kc5 Ke5 58.Re7+ Kf4! 59.Kd4 h5 60.Kd3 Kf3**



61.Rf7+ Kg2 62.Ke2 b3 63.Rf2+ Kh1! 64.Ke3 White wants to mate with Kf4. **64...g3 65.Rf5 h4**

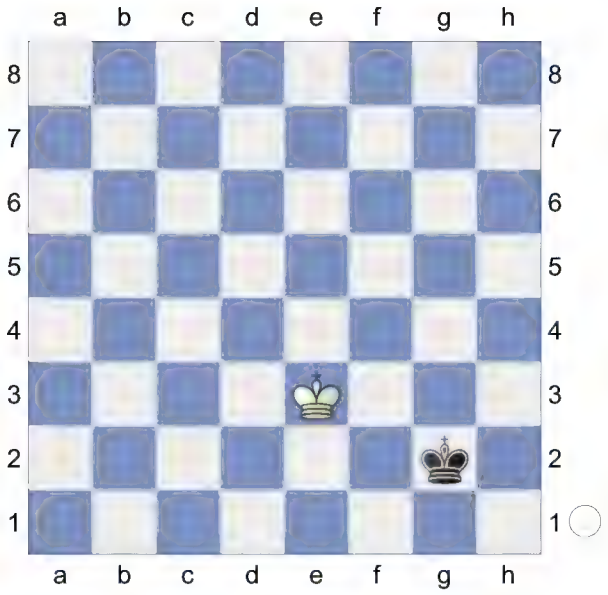


66.Rh5 b2 67.Rxh4+ Kg1

[67...Kg2!? 68.Rb4 Kh1=]

68.Rb4 g2 69.Rxb2 White threatens Rb1+ and mate. **69...Kh1 70.Rxg2 Kxg2**

(Diagram)



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42 **E73**
□ **Badelka,Olga** **2429**
■ **Tsolakidou,Stavroula** **2445**
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[Kitty Kat]

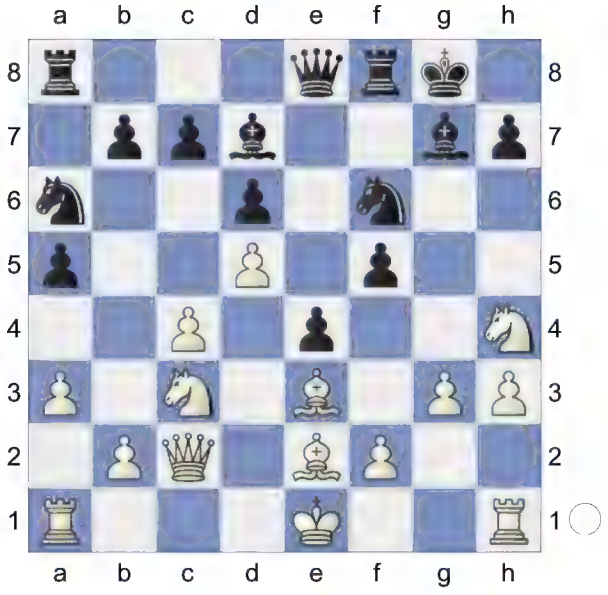
E92: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5: 7 dxe5, 7 Be3 and Petrosian System without 7...Nbd7 Nisipeanu,L.-D: 'Inf 69/(518)' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0**

(Diagram)

6.h3 a5 7.Nf3 e5 8.d5 Nh5N
[8...Na6 9.Bg5 Qe8 10.g4 Nc5 11.Nd2 c6 *(11...Bd7 12.Be3 Qe7 13.h4 Ne8 14.Nf1 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Ng3 e4* Nisipeanu,L (2545)-Gross,D (2360) Zalakaros 1997 CI1-130 [Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter] *)* 12.h4 Bd7 13.a4 Qd8 14.Kf1 Qb6 15.b3 cxd5 16.cxd5 Rac8 17.Be3 Qd8 18.Rc1 Rc7 19.Kg2 Ne8 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 b6 22.f3 f5 23.g5 9.b4 a5 10.ba5 (2562)-Silar (2417) 4.e3 f5 5.g4 2023 The Week in Chess 509 [John Watson] 1-0 (48) Bh8 24.Bxe8 Rxe8 25.Qe2 Rf8 26.Rcf1 Rcf7 27.Rhg1 h6 28.Qc4 hxg5 29.hxg5 Rc7 30.exf5 Rxf5 31.Ne4 Bg7 32.Kf2 Ne6 33.Qd3 Nd4 34.Bxd4 exd4 35.Rc1 Rcf7 36.Rg3 Qd7 37.Rh1 Qe7 38.Kg2 Karthik,V (2562)-Movahed,S (2417) Abu Dhabi 2023 1-0 (48)]
9.g3 f5 10.exf5 gxf5

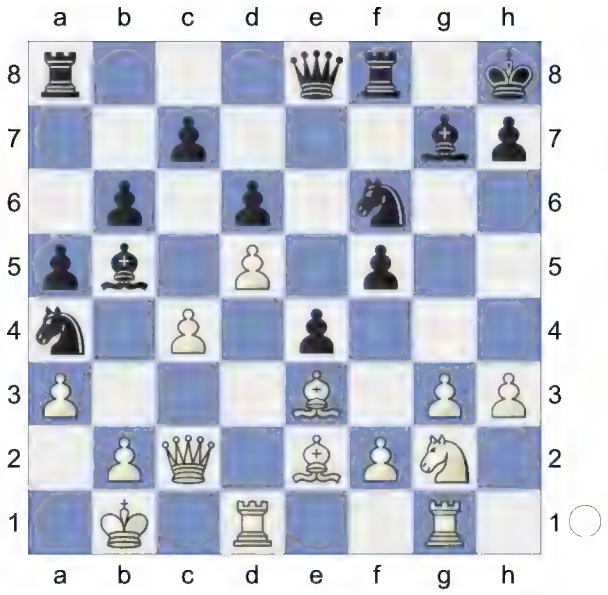
(Diagram)

11.Bg5 White is slightly better. **11...Qe8** **12.Nh4 Nf6 13.Qc2 Na6 14.a3↑** White has some pressure.
[14.Nxf5 Bxf5 15.Qxf5 Nxd5!∓]
14...e4 15.Be3 Bd7

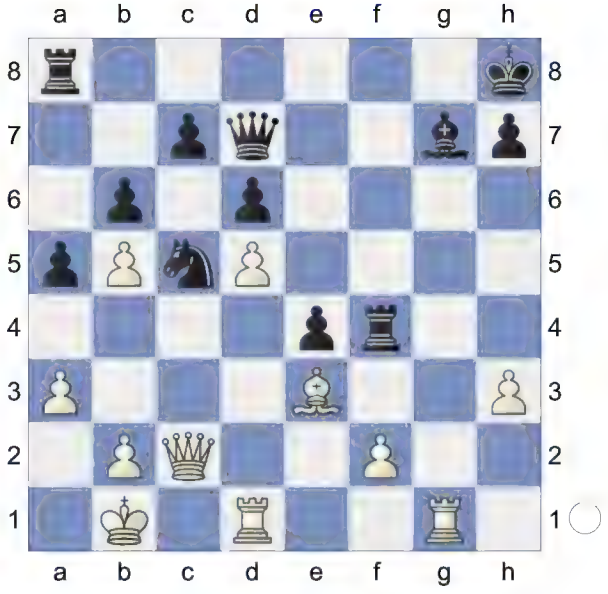


16.0-0-0 Nc5 17.Kb1 b6 18.Rhg1 Kh8 19.Ng2 Na4 1.13/20
[Black should play 19...Nh5± 0.52/18]
20.Nb5± Bxb5

(Diagram)

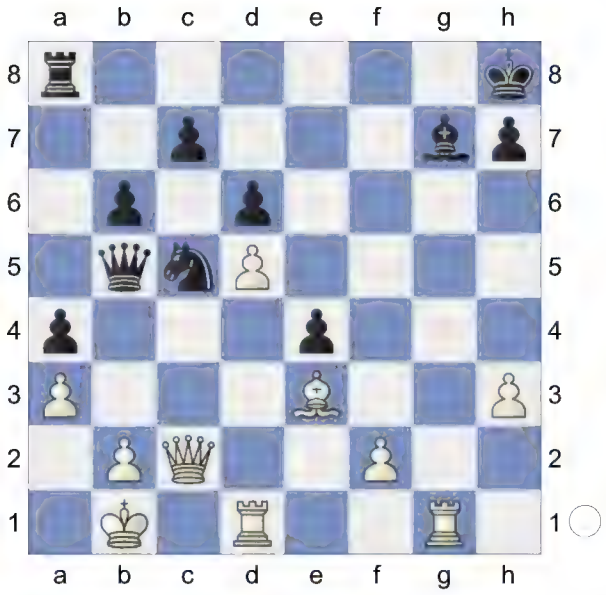


21.cxb5 Nc5 22.Nf4 Prevents Nh5.
22...Nfd7 23.g4 &Bianco is more active.
23...fxg4 24.Bxg4
[24.Rxg4 Qf7±]
24...Rxf4 2.05/23
[⌓24...Be5 1.66/20]
25.Bxd7 Qxd7

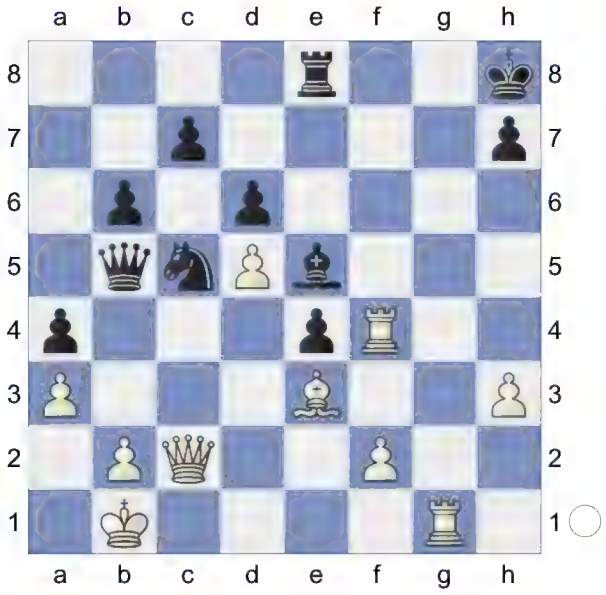


26.Bxf4 Qxb5 27.Be3 Hoping for Rxg7!
27...a4? 3.94/24
[27...Re8 1.85/21 28.f3 Qa4]

(Diagram)

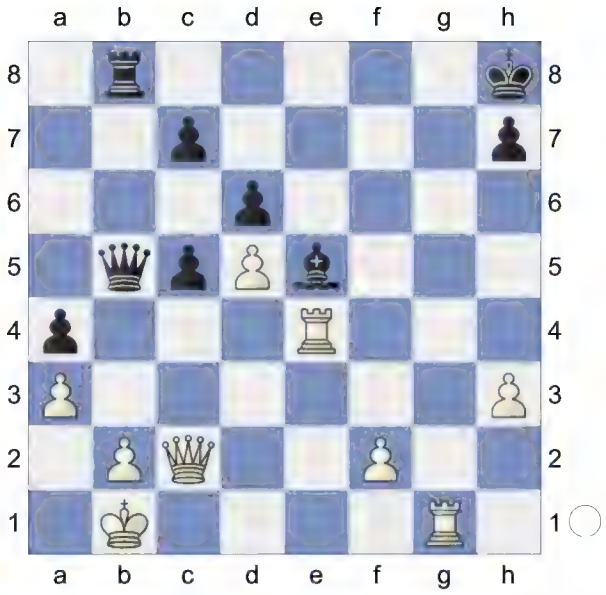


28.Rg4 2.27/22
[⌓28.Rxg7! 3.94/24 White threatens Qc3 and mate. Kxg7 29.Rg1+ Kf7 30.Bxc5]
28...Re8 29.Rdg1 Bf6 30.Rf4
Really sharp! **30...Be5**

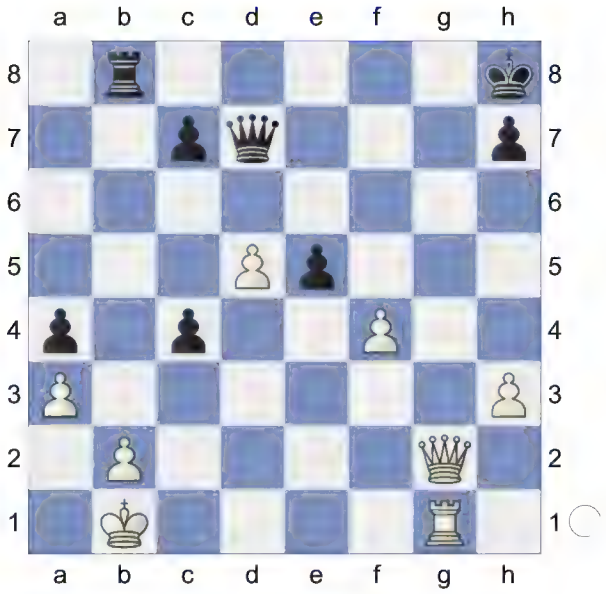


31.Bxc5! bxc5 32.Rxe4 Rb8

(Diagram)

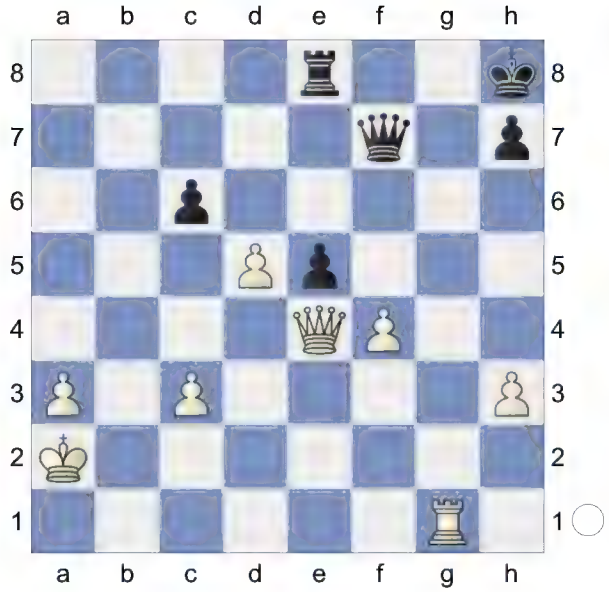


33.Rxe5! dxe5+- Endgame KQR-KQR
34.f4 c4? 9.53/22
[34...Rg8 2.37/24 35.Re1 c4]
35.Qg2 Qd7



Prevents Qg7+. **36.Qe4?** 2.18/24
[36.Qg5 #7/16 mates h6 37.Qf6+ Kh7 38.Qg6+ Kh8 39.Kc1 exf4 40.Qxh6+ Qh7 41.Qf6+ Qg7 42.Qxg7#]
36...Qe7 37.Ka2
[Don't play 37.Qxe5+?! Qxe5 38.fxe5 c3+-]
37...c3 38.bxc3 Re8 39.Qxa4 Qf7

40.Qe4 c6



41.c4 cxd5 42.cxd5 Strongly threatening Re1. **42...Qxf4 43.Qxf4 exf4** KR-KR **44.Kb3 f3 45.Kc4** 1.27/23

[45.d6+- 1.96/23]

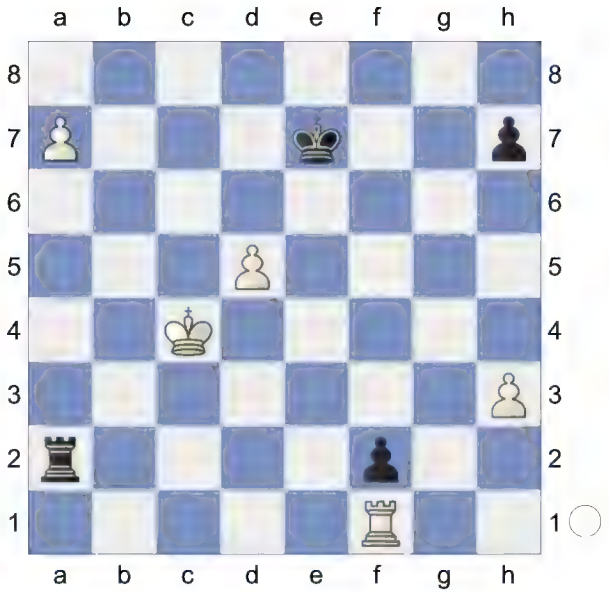
45...f2

46.Rf1 Re2 47.a4 0.01/26

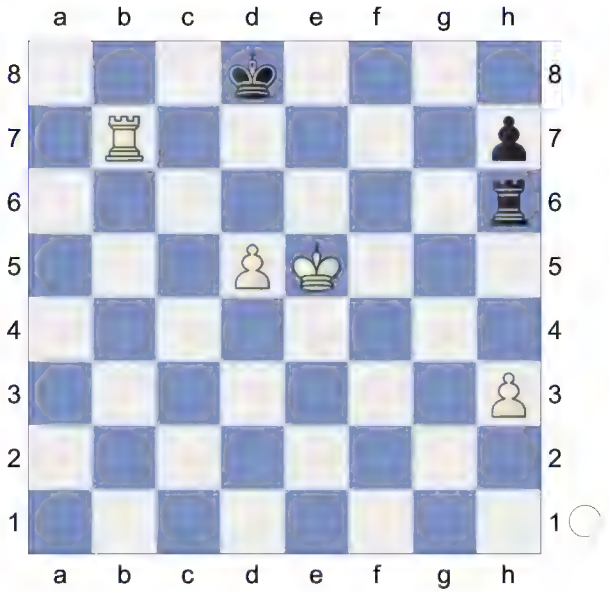
[47.d6± 1.35/23]

47...Kg7!= 48.a5 Kf6 49.a6 Ra2 50.a7 Black must now prevent Rxf2+! **50...Ke7**

(Diagram)



51.Rxf2! Rxa7 52.Rb2 Kd7 53.Kd4 next Ke5 is good for White. **53...Ra6 54.Ke5** Rb7+ is the strong threat. **54...Rh6! 55.Rb7+ Kd8**



56.Rb3 Kd7 0.72/26

[56...Ke7= 0.01/27 remains equal.]

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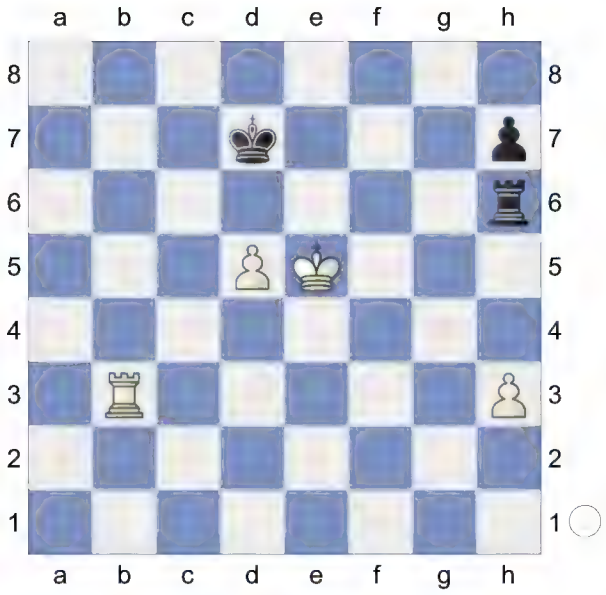
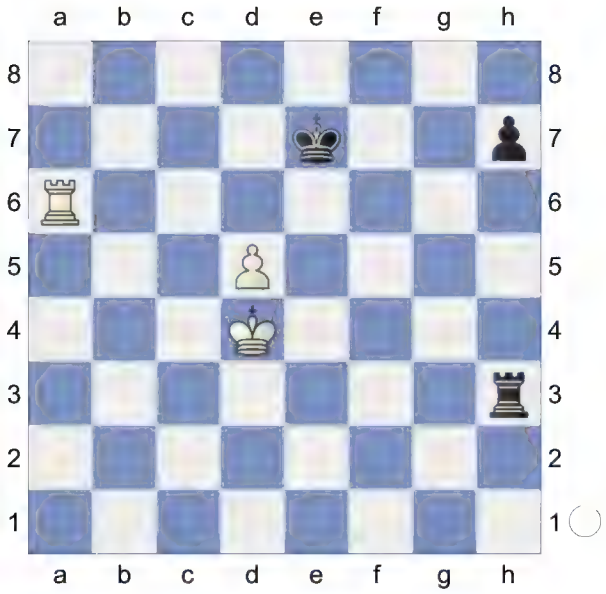


57.Rf3 0.01/26
[57.Kd4!± 0.72/26]
57...Rh5+ The position is equal. **58.Kd4 Kd6! 59.Rf6+ Ke7 60.Ra6 Rxh3**



61.Kc5 Rc3+ 62.Kd4 Rc1 63.Rh6 Rd1+ 64.Kc5 Rc1+ 65.Kb6 Kd7

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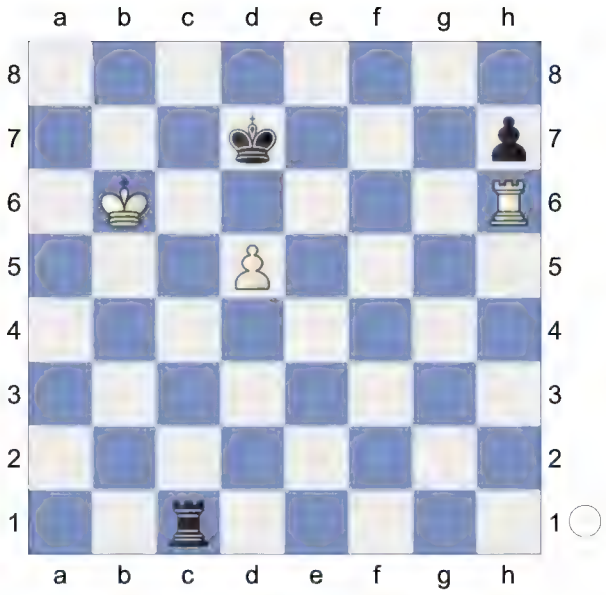
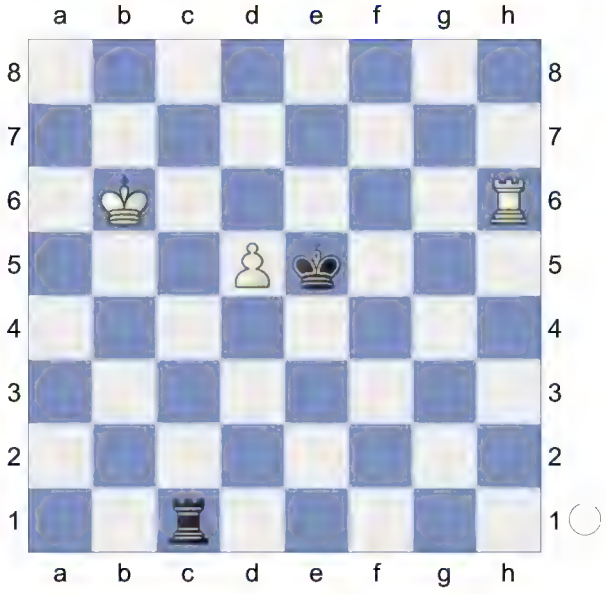


66.Rxh7+ Kd6 67.Rh6+ Ke5? 10.05/27
[67...Kxd5= -0.01/25 68.Rh5+ Ke4]



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43 **A46**
□ **Paehtz,Elisabeth** **2424**
■ **Divya,Deshmukh** **2470**
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[Kitty Kat]

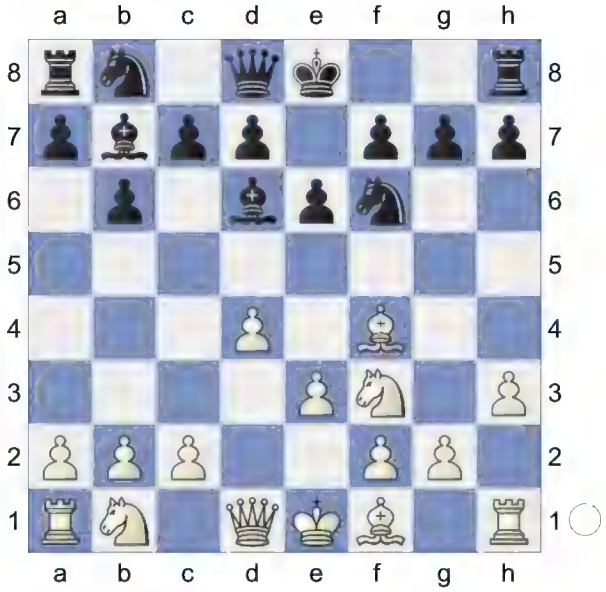
A47: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 b6: Torre, London and Colle Systems **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4N**

[3.c4 c5

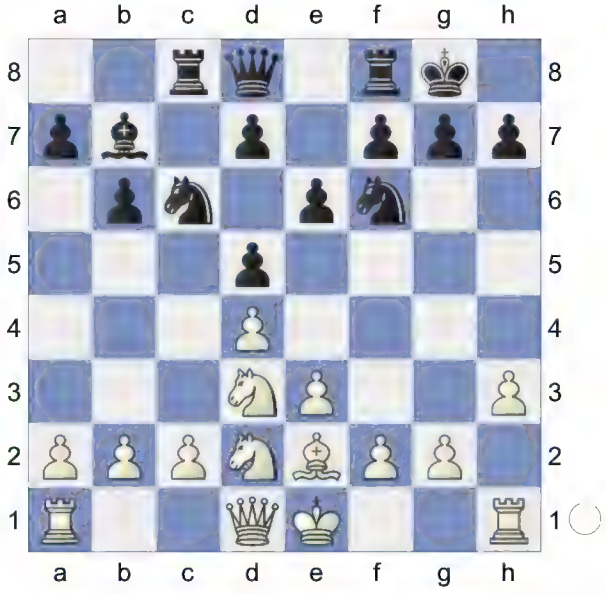
A) 4.g3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qb6 *(5...a6 6.Bg2 Qc7 7.b3 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 Be7 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Nc2 0-0 11.Nc3 d6 12.Rc1 Ne5 13.f4 Ned7 14.Nd4 Re8 15.Kh1 Bf8 16.e3 g6 17.g4 e5 18.Nc2 exf4 19.g5 fxe3 20.Nxe3* Meyer,R-Firouzja,A Nederland 1985 Telechess CBM 89 [Keller, CP 2/374] 1-0 (33)*)* 6.Bg2 Nc6 *(6...Bc5 7.e3 Nc6 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.0-0 e5 10.Nc3 Qc7 11.Qc2 0-0 12.b3 Be6 13.Bb2 Rad8 14.h3 Nd7 15.Rad1 f5 16.Rfe1 a5 17.Kh2 h5 18.Kh1 Rde8 19.a3 Ba7 20.Rd2 Nf6 21.Qd1* Piket,J (2575)-Topalov,V (2740) Wijk aan Zee 1998 CI1-130 [Piket,Jeroen] 1-0 (41)*)* 7.Nb3 Ne5 8.c5 Bxc5 9.Nxc5 Qxc5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Nc3 d5 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Rc1 Qe7 15.Qd2 Kf8 16.Nb5 Kg7 17.e4 dxe4 18.Bxe4 Rd8 Bogdanov,E (2389)-Le Pen,S (2110) Sautron 2018 CBM 187 Extra [ChessBase II] 1-0;

B) 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 d5 *(5...a6 6.g3 Qc7 7.Bg2 Qxc4 8.Bf4 Nc6 9.Nb3 d5 10.0-0 Qb4 11.e4 d4 12.Nd5 exd5 13.exd5 Ne7 14.Re1 Bg4 15.Qd3 Rd8 16.h3 Bc8 17.Rac1 g5 18.Bd2 Qd6 19.Qxd4 Nfxd5 20.Qxh8* Adianto,U (2598)-Kasparov,G (2838) Batumi 2001 CBM 086 [Ftacnik,Lubomir] 0-1*)* 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Bd2 Bc5 8.Nb3 Bb6 9.e3 0-0 10.Be2 Nc6 11.0-0 e5 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.Qc2 Rd8 14.Bc3 Qe6 15.Rfd1 Bd7 16.Rd2 Qf6 17.Bd3 g6 Mrkvicka,J-Wyder,B corr 1999 1-0 (31)]

3...b6 4.e3 Bb7 5.h3 Bd6

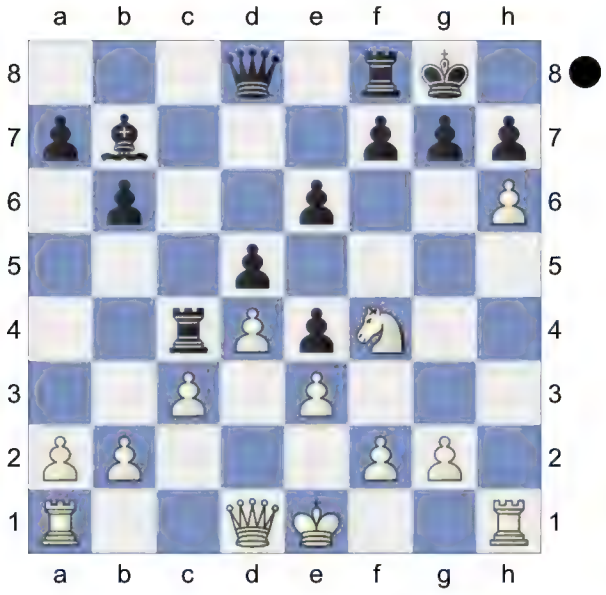


6.Bxd6 cxd6 7.Nbd2 d5 8.Ne5 0-0 9.Nd3 Nc6 10.Be2 Rc8



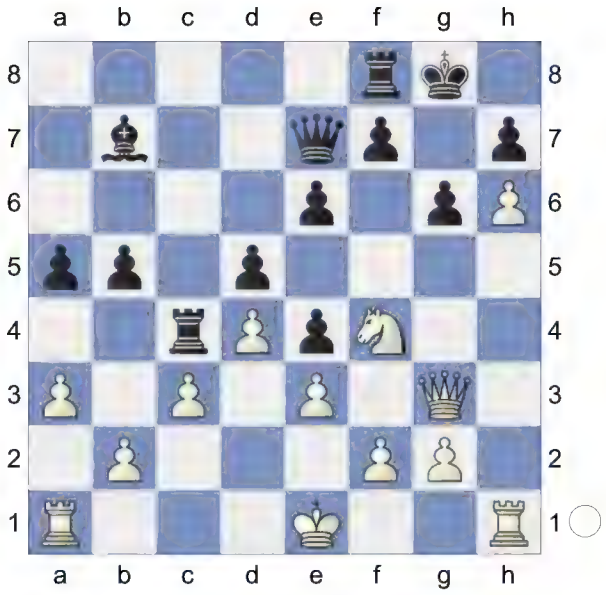
11.c3 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Nf4 d5 14.h4 Na5 15.h5 Nc4

16.Bxc4 Rxc4 17.h6

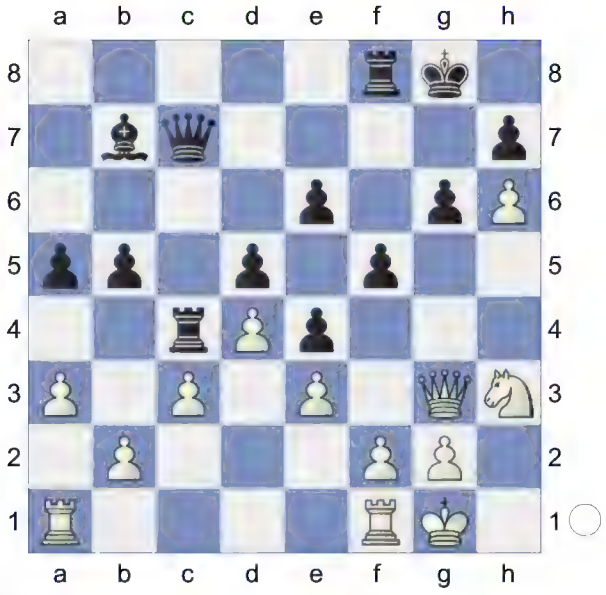


And now hxg7 would win. **17...g6**
18.Qg4 b5 0.31/20
[18...Ba6= -0.01/18]
19.a3 a5 20.Qg3 Qe7

(Diagram)

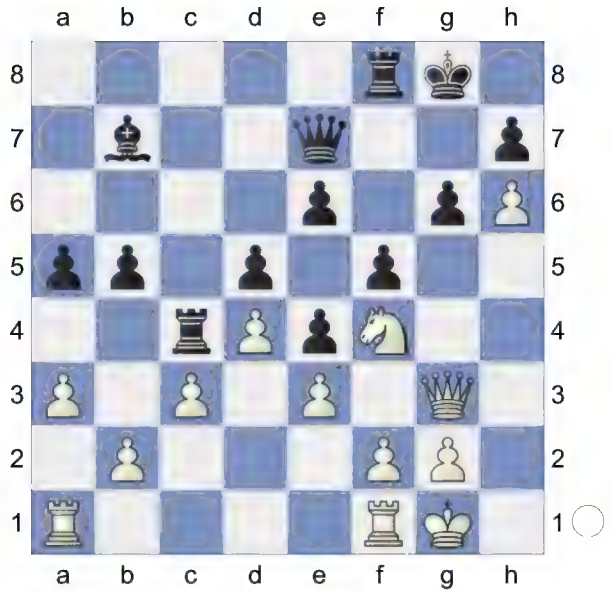


21.0-0 f5 22.Nh3 Qc7 1.05/22
[22...a4± 0.32/20]
23.Nf4 -0.01/20
[Better is 23.Qxc7± 1.05/22 Rxc7 24.Ng5]
23...Qe7= 24.Nh3 0.01/18
[24.Rad1± 0.33/19 should be considered.]
24...Qc7



25.Nf4 -0.01/19
[25.Qxc7!± 1.38/22 Rxc7 26.Ng5]
25...Qe7

(Diagram)



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44 **A13**
□ **Dronavalli,Harika** **2483**
■ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2516**
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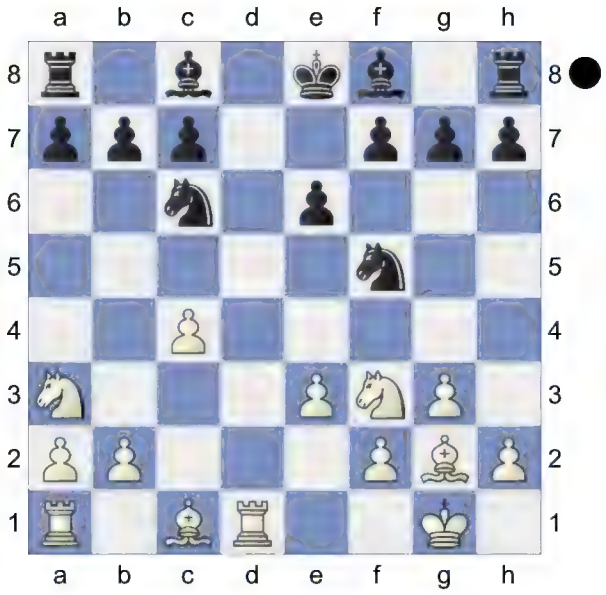
A13: English Opening: 1...e6 **1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Nf3 d4 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.0-0 Nh6**

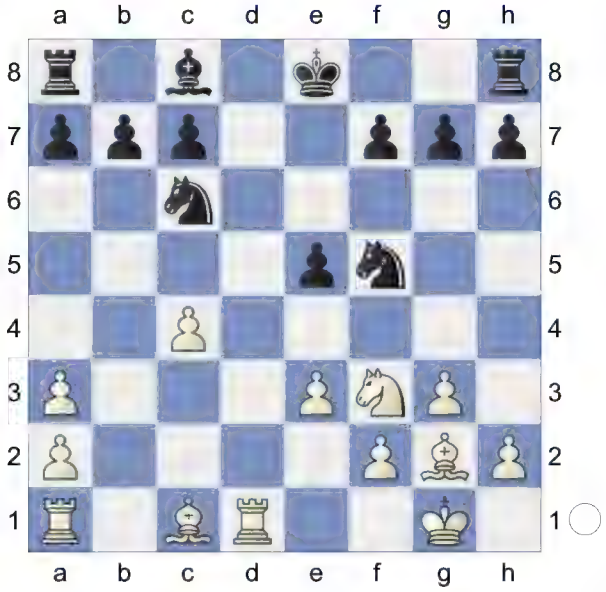
(Diagram)

6.Na3N
[6.e3 Be7 7.d3 0-0 8.exd4 Nf5 9.d5 exd5 10.Nc3 dxc4 11.dxc4 Nd6 12.Qe2 Re8 13.Nd5 Bf8 14.Be3 Nf5 15.Rad1 Nxe3 16.fxe3 Bd7 17.Qf2 f6 18.Qc2 Qc8 19.Nh4 Bg4 20.Rde1 Nb4 Matlakov,M (2673)-Maghsoodloo,P (2719) Budapest 2023 [David Cummings] 0-1 (42)]
6...Nf5 7.e4 dxe3
[7...Nfe7 seems wilder. 8.e5 Ng6 9.Re1 d3]
8.dxe3 White has an edge. **8...Qxd1 9.Rxd1**

(Diagram)

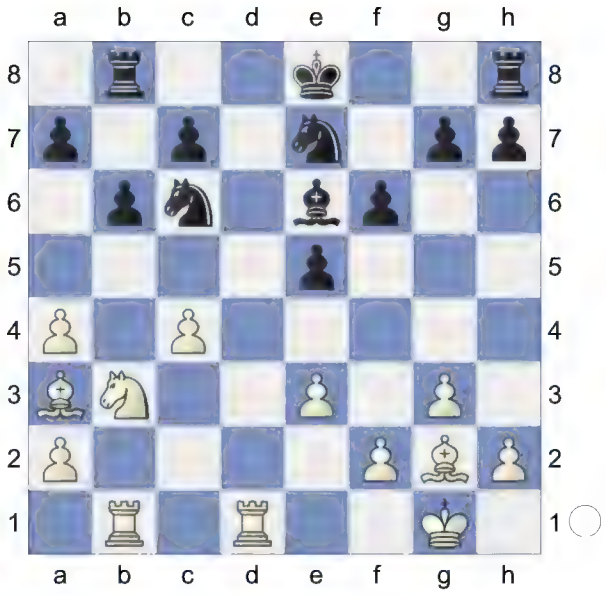


And now Nb5 would win. **9...Bxa3 10.bxa3 e5**

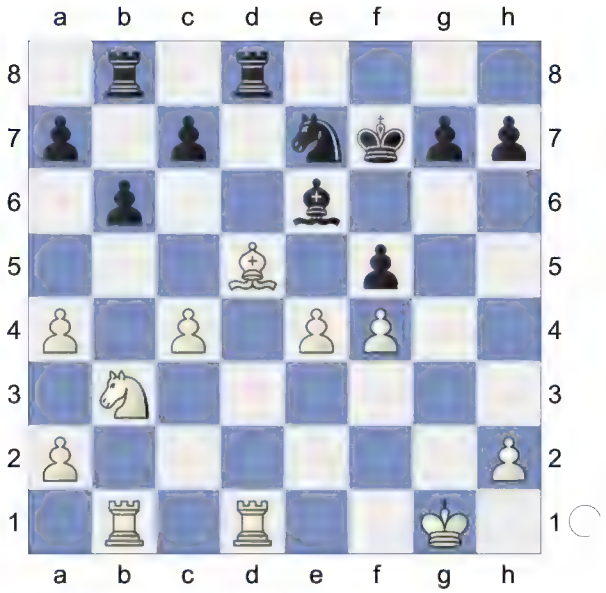


11.Rb1 Nfe7 12.a4 Rb8 13.Ba3 f6 14.Nd2 Be6 15.Nb3 b6

(Diagram)

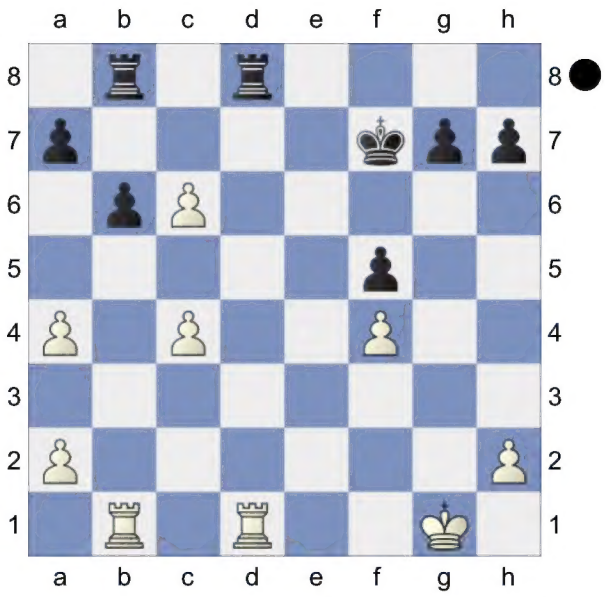


Prevents Nc5. **16.Bd5** This bishop pair is nice. **16...Kf7 17.f4 Rhd8 18.e4 exf4 19.gxf4 f5! 20.Bxe7** The position is equal. **20...Nxe7**

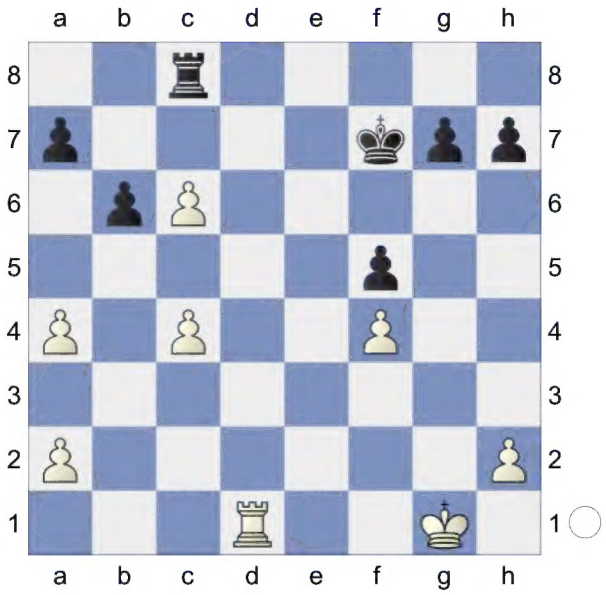


21.Nd4 Bxd5 22.exd5 c6! 23.Nxc6
[23.dxc6 keeps more tension. Rbc8 24.a5 bxa5 25.Rd3]
23...Nxc6 24.dxc6

(Diagram)

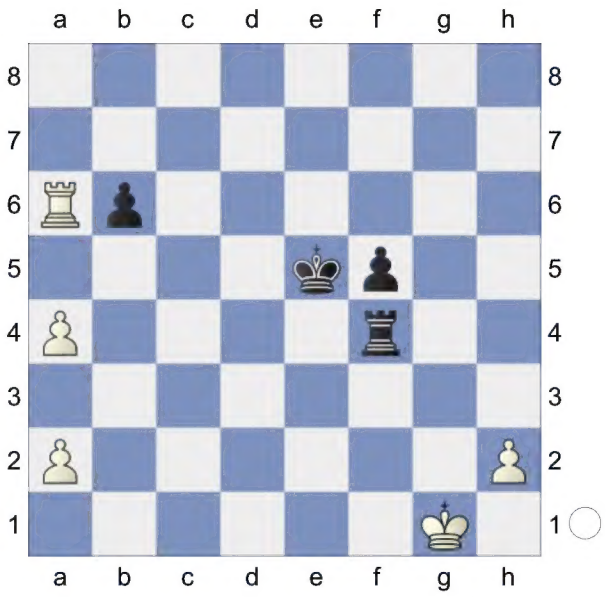


c7 is the strong threat. **24...Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1=** Endgame KR-KR **25...Rc8**

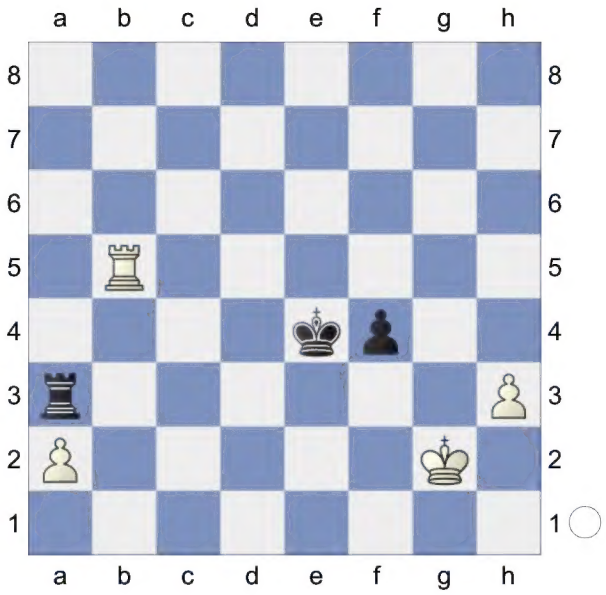


26.Rd7+ Ke6 27.Rxg7 Rxc6 28.Rxh7 Strongly threatening Rh6+. **28...Rxc4 29.Rxa7 Rxf4 30.Ra6 Ke5**

(Diagram)

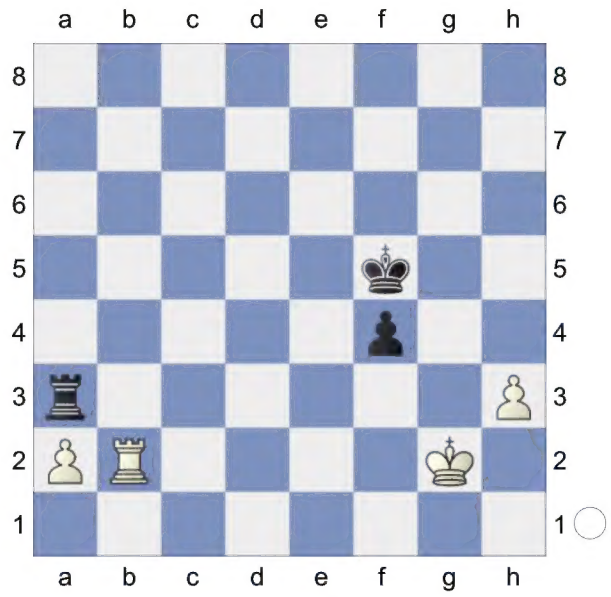


31.Rxb6 Rxa4 32.Rb2 f4 33.Kg2 Kf5 34.h3 Ra3 35.Rb5+ Ke4



36.Rb2 Kf5 37.Rb5+ Ke4 38.Rb2 Kf5 39.Rb5+ Ke4 40.Rb2 Kf5

(Diagram)



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45 **C67**
□ **Muzychuk,Mariya** **2490**
■ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2548**
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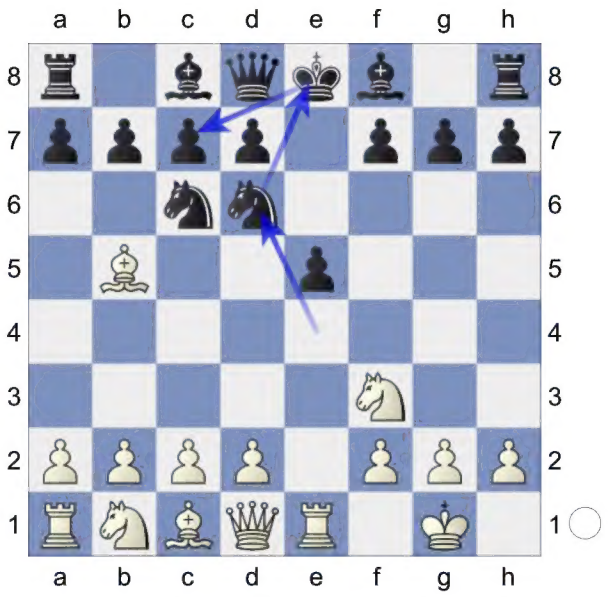
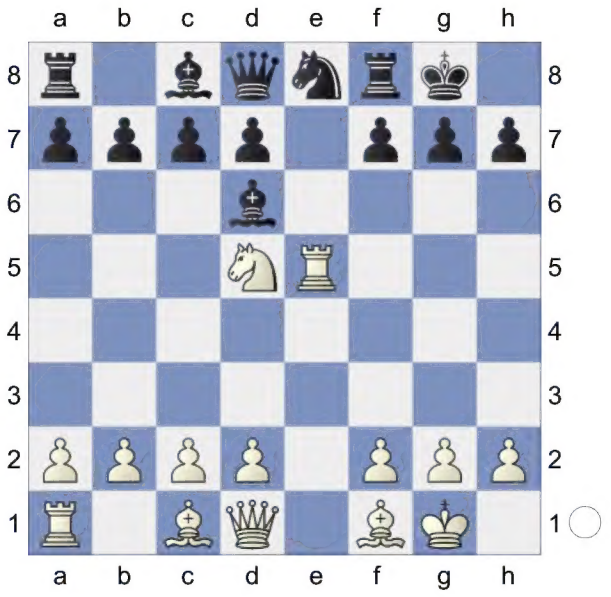
C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Re1 Nd6**

(Diagram)

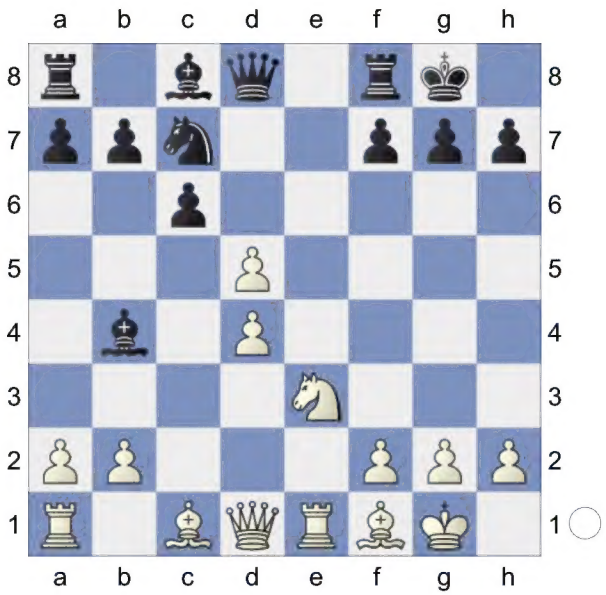


6.Nxe5 Be7 7.Bf1 Nxe5 8.Rxe5 0-0 9.Nc3 Ne8 10.Nd5 Bd6

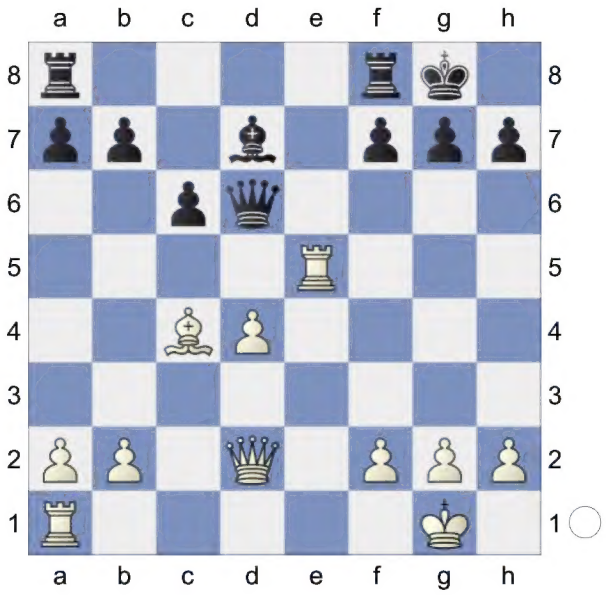


11.Re1 c6
[Don't play 11...Qh4 12.g3 Qd8 13.Ne3±]
12.Ne3 Be7
[Don't do 12...Qh4 13.g3 Qf6 14.d4±]
13.c4 Nc7 14.d4 d5 15.cxd5 Bb4

(Diagram)



16.Bd2 Bxd2 17.Qxd2 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Qxd5 19.Re5 Qd6 20.Bc4 Bd7



21.a3N

[21.Rae1 b5 22.Bb3 a5 23.a3 *(23.a4 bxa4 24.Bxa4 Be6 25.Rxa5 Rxa5 26.Qxa5 Qxd4 27.Bxc6 Qxb2 28.Bd5 Bxd5 29.Qxd5 Qf6 30.g3 g6* ½-½ (30) Svidler,P (2757)-Topalov,V (2780) Moscow 2016 CBM 172 [ChessBase]*)* 23...a4 24.Ba2 Rae8 25.Qc3 g6 26.h3 Kg7 27.Qe3 h5 5 Chapter-Games Game]

21...Rae8 22.Qe3 0.06/22

[22.Qc3± 0.37/20]

22...b6

[22...b5!? 23.Ba2 c5=]

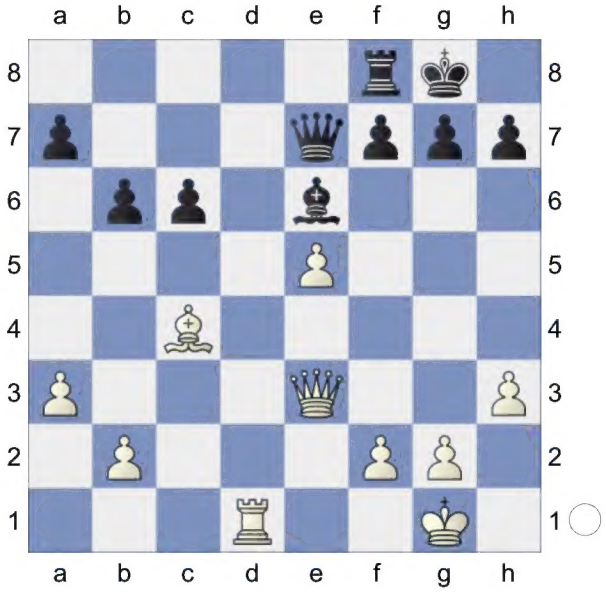
23.h3 Rxe5 0.65/25

[23...b5 0.33/22 is more appropriate. 24.Ba2 a5]

24.dxe5±

[But not 24.Qxe5 Qg6=]

24...Qe7 25.Rd1 Be6



26.Bxe6 &Bianco is more active.

26...Qxe6± Endgame KQR-KQR **27.Rd6 Qc4 28.Qc3** 0.16/24

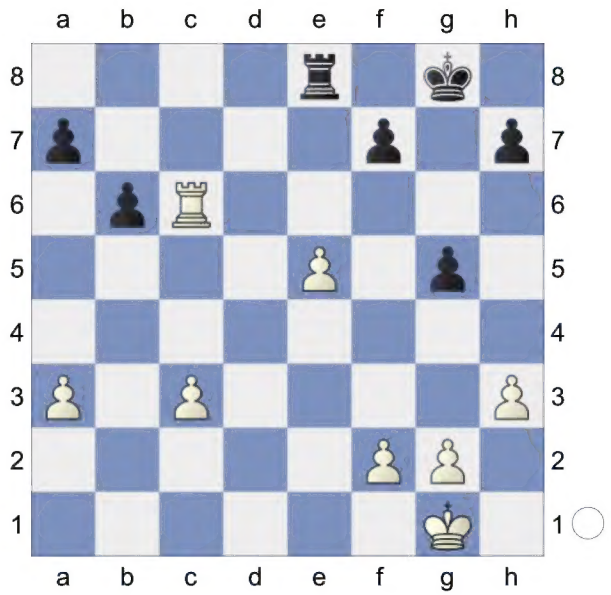
[28.b3± 1.00/23 Qc2 29.Rd7]

28...Qxc3= 29.bxc3 KR-KR **29...Re8 30.Rxc6** 0.07/24

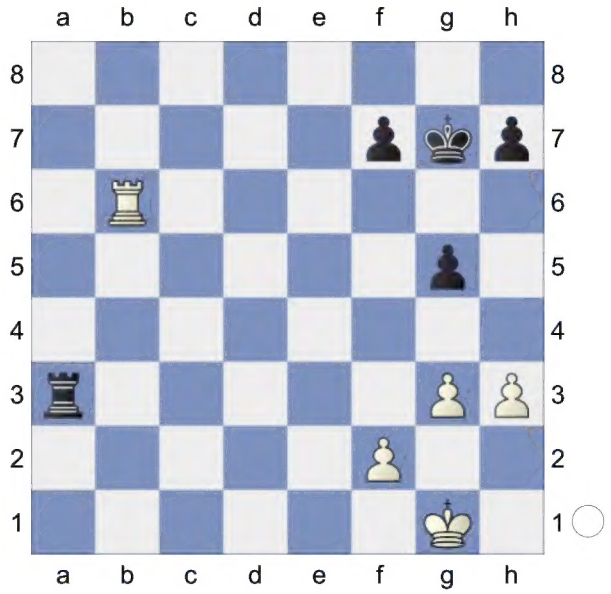
[30.f4± 0.52/24 might be stronger.]

30...g5!

(Diagram)



The position is equal. **31.Rc7 Rxe5 32.Rxa7 Rc5 33.Rb7 Rxc3 34.Rxb6 Rxa3 35.g3 Kg7**



36.Kg2 h6 37.g4 Rd3 38.Ra6 Rc3 39.Rb6 Ra3 40.Rc6 Rb3

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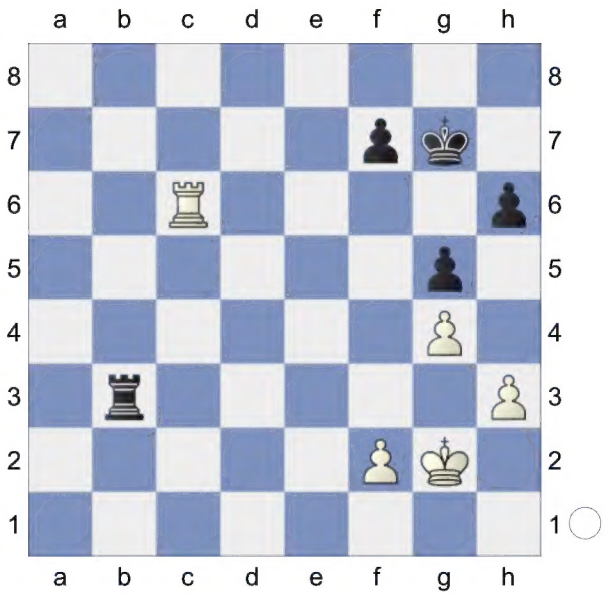
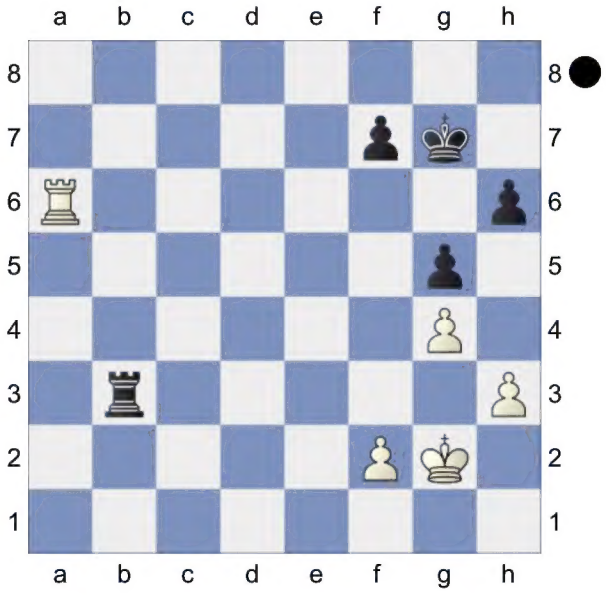


41.Ra6



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